花夢COMICS

COUNT CAIN

—SOUND OF A BOY HATCHING—

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THE HANGED MAN

THIS CARD SAYS THAT FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER HARDSHIPS AND MISERY. THERE WILL BE 3 VICTIMS AFFECTED...
XIII
THE HANGED MAN
THE HANGED MAN...
"DEATH"!
AND THIS CARD WILL DETERMINE YOUR FATE——
YOU WILL DIE SOON——
POOR CUSTOMER,
MY FORTUNE TELLINGS ARE ALL VERY ACCURATE.

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THE HANGED MAN

DON'T EXPECT TO GET CUSTOM-ERS...
WHO'S GOING TO COME WITH THIS SORT OF FORTUNE TELLING?
WELL, I'VE WASTED SOME TIME.
WAIT! YOU HAVEN'T PAID ME YET.
YOU TREATED YOUR CUSTOMER SO POORLY AND YOU STILL WANT MONEY?
FINE THEN, I DON'T WANT TO PICK ON A LITTLE KID.
CLINK
FOR YOU.
TIGHT-WAD!
HMPH!
MERRY-WEATHER, IS THAT THE MAN?

I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE, MURDERER .....
YES! ERIC, THAT'S THE ONE.
I HAVE FINALLY..... FOUND HIM.
CLUNK
IT SEEMS THAT... I CUT MY HAND. NOTHING MUCH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH!
HEY! YOU DROPPED SOME-THING!
OH! THANK YOU!

!
STRANGE. HOW COULD HE HAVE CUT HIS HAND?
SFX: AGHHHH!!
CLUNK
BADUMP
WHAT IS IT?
HEY.....
AH!
THAT MAN JUST NOW...
WHAT...

THE WHEEL OF FATE HAS STARTED TO TURN,
THE BLOOD-SHED OF THE HAR-GREAVES FAMILY.
HE... IS YOUR VICTIM.
FWIP
YOU.....
HA HA HA HA
THAT GIRL...
THAT MAN...
HOW SO SUDDEN-LY...
AGHH...
HE'S DEAD!
COULD IT BE.....

CURRENTLY, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WAS DUE TO THE POISON ON THE NOTEBOOK.
IT'S STILL AT FORENSICS, SO WE CAN'T BE SURE YET...
THEREFORE THERE ARE TWO CONCLUSIONS:
ONE IS THAT SOMEONE WANTS TO TAKE YOUR LIFE,
AND TWO IS THAT YOU INTENTIONALLY KILLED THAT MAN...
DETECTIVE LANDOR...
YOU ARE A WELL KNOWN COLLECTOR OF MURDER TOOLS!
IF I WANTED TO KILL SOMEONE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SMOOTH.
OLD BASTARD!
RIGHT! EVEN IF YOU ARE A NOBLE, WE WON'T DISREGARD YOU!
HA HA HA
CAN YOU LET ME TAKE A LOOK?
HAVE ANY OF YOUR POISONS BEEN STOLEN?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

I DON'T HAVE ANY OF THOSE LOVELY POISONS WHICH KILL PEOPLE IN SECONDS.
MY MOST BELOVED "CHILDREN" WOULD MAKE PEOPLE SUFFER FOR MANY HOURS WITH HIGH FEVERS AS THEIR BODIES GRADUALLY TURNED BLACK...
THERE ARE ALSO THOSE WHICH ARE TASTELESS, ODOURLESS, AND CANNOT BE DETECTED, EVEN WITH AN AUTOPSY.
CLAK
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT BEING IN THE HARGREAVES FAMILY TEA.
RIFF!
THE GUESTS ARE LEAVING.
DAMN!
THAT BRAT! PLAYING WITH ME!
CLANG
THE DETECTIVE HATES NOBLES TO THE BONE...
YOU WEREN'T SCARED AT ALL?
BUR-GESS! WHAT DID YOU SAY?
NO-THING, DETEC-TIVE LAN-DOR.
HOW DID HE HEAR THAT?
LISTEN UP!
WATCH THAT GUY CAREFULLY!

PURE WHITE DEVIL POTION!
ONLY THOSE OF THE HARGREAVES FAMILY POSSESS THIS TYPE OF POISON.
BUT MOTHER IS DEAD, AND FATHER HAS BEEN MISSING FOR YEARS.
THOSE VAIN UNCLES AND AUNTS WOULDN'T WANT TO RUIN THEIR REPUTATIONS.
RIFF!
WHAT IS IT?
SO THIS IS THE POISON, [LEPRECHAUN].
BEFORE THEY TOOK IT AWAY, I WIPED SOME OF IT ONTO MY HANDKERCHIEF.
AH...DIDN'T THE POLICE TAKE THE PIN AND THE NOTEBOOK AWAY?
PURE AND WHITE, USED BENEATH THE GLORY OF THE HARGREAVES FAMILY TO MURDER AND TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
[LEPRECHAUN] ...
FATHER...
WHERE CAN FATHER BE...

AH
YOUR FIANCE HAS ANOTHER LOVER!
THE ONE YOU LOVE,
LIVES IN THE WEST
AMAZING! IT'S ALL CORRECT!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I DON'T FIND THAT INTER-ESTING!
HE...
HOW INTER-ESTING! RIFF——
SOMEONE WANTS TO KILL ME!
SLIP
WHETHER THIS AFFAIR WILL HAVE A HAPPY ENDING OR A SAD ENDING, IS ALL UP TO YOU.
REALLY?

SFX YANK
OW!
THIS WAY
WHEN YOUR CUSTOMER IS UNAWARE, YOU PICK THE MONEY FROM THEIR POCKETS!
THEREFORE, THE ONE WHO PUT THE POISON ON MY NOTEBOOK WAS ALSO YOU!
HA HA HA HA! SO WE MEET AGAIN!! THIS IS AFTER [FORGOTTEN JULIET], IT'S CAIN'S SECOND BOOK LOOK AT THE CAIN HERE, HE'S STILL VERY SCARY! IF POSSIBLE, I REALLY WISH THAT THIS STORY COULD BE INCLUDED IN [FORGOTTEN JULIET], SO IT WOULD BE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND FROM THE VERY START OF THIS BOOK, MY DRAWINGS HAVE GRADUALLY CHANGED; THAT'S BECAUSE I WANT TO DRAW TOO MANY THINGS, AND THERE HASN'T BEEN ENOUGH TIME FOR ALL OF THEM. MERRYWEATHER'S HAIR USED TO BE DRAWN AS GOLD... I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THAT!
OUCH——
OH?
MISS, WATCH YOUR BACK
YES!
LET GO
MURDER-ER?
MURDER-ER!
LET GO OF ERIC!
WHAT DID YOU SAY? WHO ARE YOU?

WHACK
KILLED BY THE HAR-GREAVES FAMILY?
I AM MERRY-WEATHER DUKE
HOW CAN THIS BE?
DAUGHTER OF ALEGRA DUKE WHO WAS KILLED BY THE HARGREAVES FAMILY... DO YOU REMEMBER NOW?
DAMN BRATS——
CLINK
MERRY! HURRY AND RUN!
OUCH!

A WOMAN KILLED BY THE HARGREAVES FAMILY
ALEGRA DUKE"
WHY DOES THAT GIRL...
THERE'S ALSO "FOR MY BELOVED ALEGRA" ENGRAVED IN IT
A BRACELET WITH THE HARGREAVES FAMILY INSIGNIA?
!
THIS IS...
HE... IS A VERY GOOD KNIGHT
OR IS IT THE MURDERER WHO WANTS MY LIFE
IS IT AN OFFICER OF LANDOR'S?
SOMEONE IS FOLLOWING ME
WHA?
HOW IS IT MY FAULT!?
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, THAT GUY PROBABLY HAS IT!
MOTHER'S BRACELET.
I DROPPED IT!
AHH—
AH!
YOU WEIRDO!

OUCH
ALSO

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE YOUR MOTHER'S MURDERER
I WILL AVENGE HOW YOU
DON'T BE AFRAID THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT WEAPON
MERRY WEATHER INSIDE THIS BRACELET
IT IS THE WELL KNOWN SUBSTANCE OF THE HARELEAVER FAMILY WHICH YOUR FATHER GAVE ME
IS A DEADLY POISON!
MERRY I WILL ALWAYS PROTECT YOU
MUST BE AVENGED WITHIN THE HARELEAVER FAMILY
THE HUNTERS' WHO WILL AVENGE THE DEVIL'S ROSE
AFTER THE MURDER OF MY BIRTH MOTHER WAS KILLED
MERRY COME WITH ME!

SHH
ALEGRA DUKE
OH.
ALEGRA WAS A MAID HERE TEN YEARS AGO
BUT HER PSYCHIC POWERS WERE VERY STRONG
HER TAROT READINGS WERE ALWAYS VERY ACCURATE
BUT AFTER ABOUT HALF A YEAR SHE WAS FOUND BY THE MAN.
SHE SAID T WAS BECAUSE SHE WAS RUNNING AWAY FROM A MARRIAGE WITH SOME MAN
THAT SHE CAME HERE
SO SHE LEFT HERE
MASTER CAIN!
THERE'S A GUEST
WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?

MOTHER'S BRACELET ...
I THINK YOU TOOK IT ...
!
IT'S WITH ME!
BUT I WON'T JUST RETURN IT TO YOU!
YOU DIRTY BASTARD
FIRST COME IN AND DRY YOURSELF OFF,
HAVE A CUP OF TEA, AND THEN I'LL RETURN IT
COME IN, KID!
DON'T TOUCH THAT!

THEY ARE ALL DEADLY POISONS.
YOU COLLECTED THEM?
ALL OF THESE THINGS, WERE POISONS THAT WERE COLLECTED BY MY ANCESTORS AND HIDDEN IN THE BASEMENT OF OUR CORNWALL CASTLE
IF YOU HAVE A CASTLE WHY DO YOU STILL WANT TO LIVE IN THIS LITTLE HOUSE?
LITTLE HOUSE...
AT NIGHT MANY ANGRY AND HATEFUL SPIRITS COME OUT OF THE GROUND.
IT'S TOO NOISY THERE!
THOSE ARE ALL THE GHOSTS...
OF THOSE WHICH THE HARGREAVES FAMILY HAS KILLED
THAT IS NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF
MY MOTHER AND I HAVE ALWAYS SEEN THEM
BECAUSE WE ARE PSYCHIC..

MOTHER AND I CAN SEE PEOPLE'S FATES,
BUT WE CAN'T SEE OUR OWN.
THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN THOSE WHO CALLED US WITCHES
MOTHER SHE COULDN'T KNOW ABOUT HER OWN DEATH.
SHE COULD ONLY RUN AWAY FROM HER FATE, RUN. AND THEN BE CAUGHT
ONLY ERIC
ONLY ERIC IS DIFFERENT
I'M TELLING YOU,
THE TAROT READING BEFORE WASN'T A JOKE
IT WAS REAL!
"THE HANGED MAN" IS IN THE DARK WAITING TO ATTACK YOU.
HE IS AT YOUR SIDE BE CAREFUL NOT TO LET HIS DISGUISE FOOL YOU.
DEATH IS FOLLOWING YOU.
THERE WILL BE OTHERS WHO WILL DIE!
THAT IS WHAT I SAW.

SHE JUST CAME OUT OF HER HOUSE
YES, THAT'S RIGHT! THE GIRL WHO WAS WITH THE COUNT TODAY
HEH ..
SEE WHAT RELATION SHE HAS WITH THAT GUY!
GOOD JOB! BURGESS, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THAT GIRL!
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?
YES DETECTIVE LANDOR.
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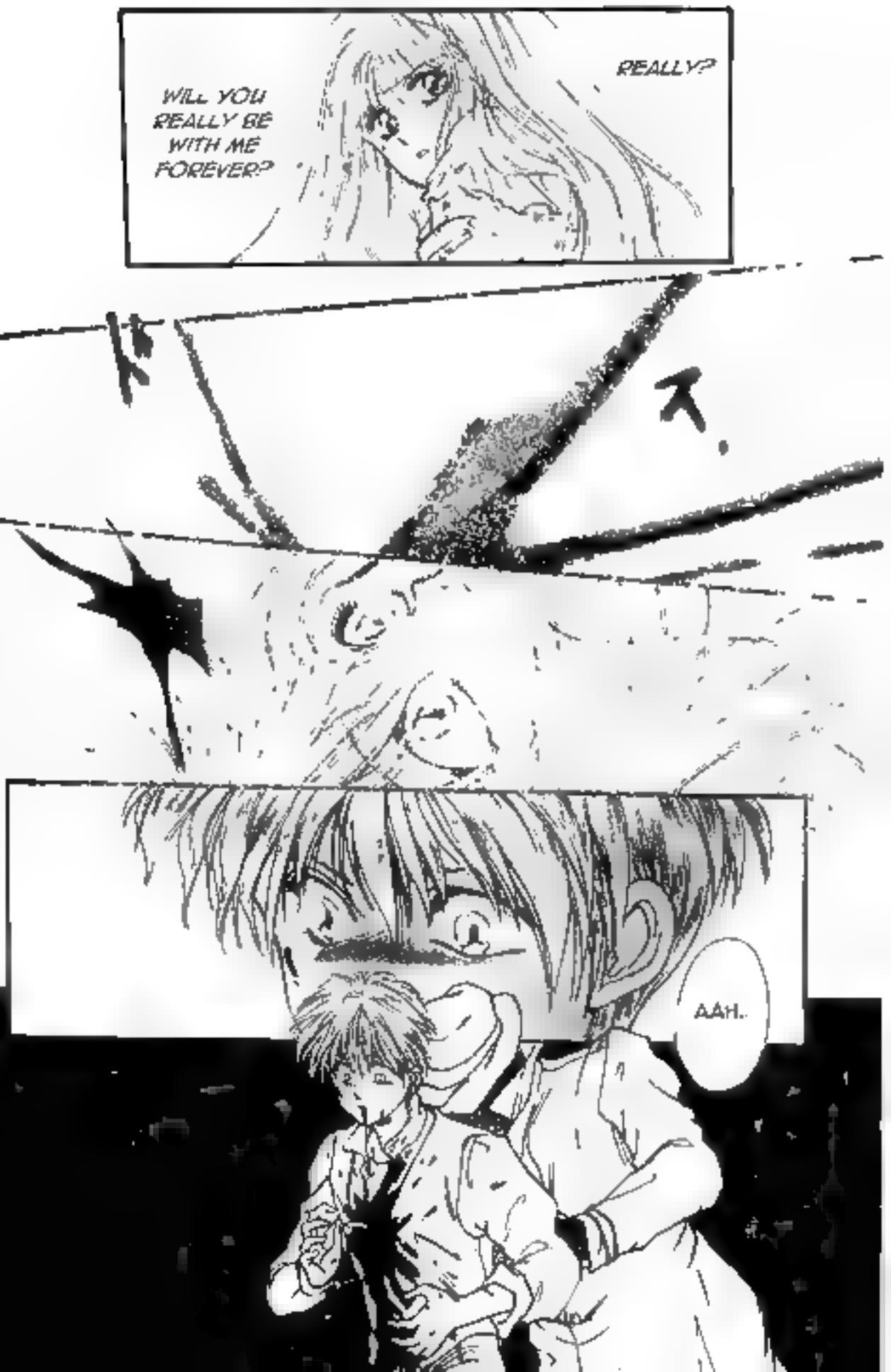
COULD THE "DEATH" CARD MEAN
THE TAROT CARD SAID THERE WILL BE THREE VICTIMS.
I'M GOING TO BE KILLED?
I'M THE ONE WHO WILL DIE?
MERRY-WEATHER?

SHE IS A HARGREAVES DAUGHTER...
MERRY!
BECAUSE
I WAS ALMOST KILLED!
I
BECAUSE
ALMOST LIKE MY MOTHER
SO IT'S TRUE ...
ALEGRA
AND THE MASTER WERE IN LOVE...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
I HAVE BEEN TOLD NOT TO SPEAK OF THIS ..
THAT GIRL,
IS MY HALF SISTER
RIFF ... IF THIS IS SO,
UP TO NOW, HE STILL HASN'T RETURNED
THEREFORE, THE HARGREAVES FAMILY FIRED HER AND THE MASTER HAS GONE MISSING TO FIND HER.

SHATTER
MASTER CAIN! WHAT SOUND
AN INVITA-TION!
I WON'T LET THIS HAPPEN!
DAMN IT ..
THAT COUNT WANTS TO KILL MERRY?
MERRYWEATHER!
MERRY-WEATHER IS
BUT, WHAT THE EYES SEE MAY NOT BE THE WHOLE TRUTH
IF MERRYWEATHER IS MY SISTER, THEN IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT FATHER GAVE THE POISON TO THAT WOMAN
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! YOU MIGHT LOSE YOUR LIFE.....
DON'T WORRY
RIFF!

I KNOW WHO THE KILLER IS
HELP! TODAY, MY FRIEND WAS ALMOST KILLED.
I CALLED HIM TO COME OUT PLEASE COME AND ARREST HIM!
IT'S THE YOUNG COUNT HAR-GREAVES!
THIS IS DETEC-TIVE LANDOR
DETECTIVE! AN ANONY-MOUS PHONE CALL.
YANK
I WILL SEND SOMEONE TO PROTECT YOU RIGHT AWAY!
GREAT

AH!
HA HA! YOU FELL FOR IT!
LOOK! THE POLICE WILL BE HERE RIGHT AWAY
SHIT!
SMACK
YOU.....
DAMN IT! IT ISN'T THE COUNT?
HOW CAN THIS BE?
BUT THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE ARE


WILL YOU REALLY BE WITH ME FOREVER?
REALLY?
AAH..

TAK!
MER
MERRY-
WEATHER
!
WHY
YOU.....
ERIC?
ERIC!
ERIC?

WHY.....
THAT GUY.....
HE'D SEND ME PRO-TECTION RIGHT AWAY..
WHY..... DETECTIVE LANDOR SAID.....
NO
I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET.....
ERIC
YOU.
HOW CAN SHE LIVE BY HERSELF
I MUST PROTECT HER..
THAT KID.
THAT STUPID GIRL I.. HAVE TO PROTECT HER...!
.....
I WILL PROTECT HER FOR MY WHOLE LIFE
SHE IS MY ONLY SISTER
I
WILL PROTECT HER.

NO!
NO.....
DON'T LEAVE ME BY MYSELF ...
DON'T...
ERIC!
ERIC—
YOU SAID WE WOULD BE TOGETHER FOREVER ....

YOU ARE BURGESS? WHERE IS LANDOR?
IN HIS ROOM, SIR.
COUNT HARGREAVES?!
THE MURDERER HAS ARRIVED!
WHY...
LANDOR KNOWS EVERYTHING.
LOOK AFTER HER FOR ME!
MERRYWEATHER, WAIT HERE!
NO! I WANT TO GO TOO.
LET GO!
ALL RIGHT!
DRIP.
LANDOR KNOWS EVERYTHING.

IT'S LIKE JUST NOW,
YOUR EYE S WOUND
HOW DID IT HAPPEN ?
YOU WERE CUT BY SOMEONE
MERRY - WEATHER
AEEEEIII..
!
!
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU THIS LATE
DETECTIVE!
WHAT IS THE MATTER?
GRAPE
CLAW

YOU ARE VERY MUCH ALIKE ... .
AH ... COUNT ..
I RECOGNIZED YOU WITH ONE GLANCE
YOU ARE... THE CHILD OF THE MAN WHO STOLE ALEGRA AWAY
THAT DAY, THE DETECTIVE AND I WERE IN THE SAME RESTAURANT AS YOU
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
THEN YOU...
SIR BURGESS? YOU.....
YOU APPEARED BEFORE ME .. ...
YOU ARE THE FIANCE WHO ALEGRA RAN AWAY FROM.

MOTHER ....
RUNNING AWAY FROM SOMETHING, MOTHER COULD NEVER STOP IN ONE PLACE
ALWAYS AFRAID OF SOME THING
I PUT A POISONED PIN IN YOUR COAT'S NOTE-BOOK
I SAID I NEEDED TO USE THE TOILET, BUT I REALLY BRIBED A WAITER
WAS IT YOU WHO KILLED MOTHER?
IF YOU HAD DIED FROM THE POISON IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A BIG NEWS EVENT
ALEGRA
NOT ME
AFTER ALEGRA AND COUNT HAR-GREAVES HAD SEPERATED,
OH.
YOU.
IT WASN'T EASY, BUT I FINALLY FOUND HER
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS INSIDE OF IT
SHE ONLY HAD LEFT THE BRACELET THAT MAN HAD GIVEN HER

OH.
OF COURSE! I WILL KILL THOSE WHO TRY TO TAKE AWAY MY THINGS—!
YOU'RE NOT NORMAL!
YOU ALWAYS TREAT THOSE WHO TALK TO ME OR ARE NICE TO ME BY
NO!
YOU ONLY WANT TO TIE ME DOWN
I WON'T LET GO OF YOU AGAIN... YOU ARE THE ONLY WOMAN IN MY LIFE ...
IF YOU FIND OUT ABOUT MERRYWEATHER,
YOU WILL SURELY KILL HER.
YOU ARE ALWAYS THIS WAY WHEN WILL YOU STOP...
YOU WILL KILL HER ..
GULP
ALEGRA!
ALEGRA!
WHAT ARE YOU EATING?

ALEGRA DIED
SO THAT I WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT MERRY'S EXISTENCE....
FOR THIS BASTARD CHILD
I CAREFULLY TOOK AWAY THE POISONS LEFT IN THE BRACELET!
DO YOU KNOW
COUNT OF THE BLOODY KIN
THE FEELING OF WATCHING YOUR MOST BELOVED WOMAN DIE BEFORE YOUR EYES...
IT IS ALL THAT MAN'S FAULT!
KILLED HERSELF...
FOR ME, MOTHER.
YOU ARE TOO CRUEL! MOTHER
AND ERIC.
AND YOU ALSO WANT TO KILL MY BROTHER
TAKING THOSE WHO I LOVE ONE BY ONE
TOO CRUEL...

TWANG!
HI
YOU ARE TOO CRUEL!
THWAP
BROTHER!
DUCK! MERRY!

IT'S RIGHT FOR SELF-DEFENSE!
THE HANGED MAN
WHEN DID YOU. ...
I'M RETURN-ING THIS TO YOU!
HE ALWAYS CHASED AFTER A WOMAN I WANTED TO CHANGE HIS PERSONALITY SO I LET HIM JOIN THE POLICE FORCE.
HE WAS MY BRO-THER
BUR BURGESS ..
YOU LET THAT MAN BE YOUR OFFICER ?
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT .. HE WOULD DO SOME-THING LIKE THIS...
XIII

BROTHER
I UNDER-STAND
I
I HOPE THAT YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS AS AN ACCIDENT.
FOR OUR REPUTA TIONS..
DO YOU STILL HATE ME. ...?
IF I DON'T THINK LIKE THIS, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE...
THAT YOU ARE THE ONLY REASON FOR A CHILD WHO IS ON HER OWN TO CONTINUE HER EXISTENCE?
DO YOU KNOW .
YES!
IT WAS THE HAR-GREAVES FAMILY WHO KILLED MOTHER
DO YOU KNOW THAT BENEATH YOUR FORTUNATE LIFE I AM THE UNFORTUNATE ONE?
I ALSO HAVE A HALF BROTHER THERE.

I KNOW...
I WILL PROTECT YOU!
THIS IS A PROMISE
MADE WITH A FRIEND!
ERIC
AND YOUR MOTHER
EVERYONE LOVED YOU VERY MUCH!
SO, I WILL USE MY LIFE TO PROTECT YOU.

SOUND OF A BOY HATCHING

CAIN, SO HERE YOU ARE
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR A LONG TIME
MOTHER, WHAT IS IT .
YOU ARE ACTING STRANGE!
IS THAT SO
CAIN, AM THIS WAY
ALL BECAUSE OF YOU
IF YOU HAD NEVER BEEN BORN ...

MOTHER
CAIN!
MOTHER..
MOTHER..
FATHER!

7 YEARS LATER.

RIFF, IT'S GREAT THAT YOU CAME HERE
YES... THANK YOU FOR HIRING ME!
I'M GLAD THAT YOU FOLLOWED YOUR FATHER'S WILL.
THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU—
IT IS ABOUT MY SON, CAIN.
NO, SHE IS MY ELDER SISTER, AUGUSTA
MY WIFE PASSED AWAY SEVEN YEARS AGO.
IS THAT SO I AM VERY SORRY!
OH
AND HE IS A BIT STRANGE
HE IS ALREADY 13 YEARS OLD.
I UNDERSTAND,
I DON'T WANT HIM TO BE SEEN BY OTHER PEOPLE IF YOU DO SEE HIM, DON'T TALK TO HIM.
IS HE REALLY THAT SCARY?
SO YOUNG AND YET
LIFE IS REALLY IRONIC!
SIGH

WHAT IS THAT NOISE?
IT'S ALREADY SO LATE
!
DIG...
DIG..
WHO ARE YOU?
UHM
COLD

LOOKING CLOSER, HIS EYES ARE NOT GOLDEN BUT ACTUALLY GREEN WITH A TINT OF GOLD
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT? ARE MY EYES VERY STRANGE?
HE HAS GOLDEN EYES!
THE LITTLE BIRD DIED I'M MAKING A TOMB FOR HIM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
YOU SCARED ME!
EK!
TAKE BUY!
AH
IT IS A MEDICINE BOOK!
I AM A MEDICAL STUDENT, BUT MY FAMILY WENT BANKRUPT, SO I HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL..
WHAT KIND OF BOOK IS THAT?
I HAVE NO CHOICE THAN TO STUDY ON MY OWN.
CAN SEE ME?
YOU..

AH? WAIT
EH?
FAINT
THE COUNT HAD TOLD ME THAT THE YOUNG MASTER WAS A BIT STRANGE
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS IS THE YOUNG MASTER WE TALKED ABOUT?
WHAT IS IT? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
CAIN! WHERE ARE YOU.
WHAT!
Hz

M. MASTER!
AH FATHER
YES
IT CAN'T BE HELPED FROM NOW ON, YOU ARE GOING TO BE CAIN'S SERVANT BOTH OF YOU COME HERE!
YOU HAVE SEEN HIS WOUNDS
AH
CAIN, COME HERE!
I HAVE ALREADY TOLD YOU MANY TIMES BEFORE!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY! FATHER!

WHIP
WHIP
I AM DOING THIS FOR YOU!
SO THAT YOU CAN OBTAIN GOD'S FORGIVENESS!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? I DO NOT LIKE TO DO THIS!
WHIP
YES FATHER!
YE YES!
THAT'S ENOUGH TAKE HIM AWAY
RIFF!

AUGUSTA, MY SISTER
SHHH
Whoosh
THESE AREN'T NEW WOUNDS!
NNN!
HE IS BEING WHIPPED EVERY NIGHT

MASTER CAIN!
IT'S
IT'S MY FAULT I WASN'T ALLOWED TO GO OUT!
ON THAT DAY, WHEN MOTHER DRANK POISON AND COMMITTED SUICIDE...
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND THE TRUTH IS MY FATHER LOVES ME VERY MUCH!
HE HELD ME AND SAID "IT'S FINE NOW FORGET IT!"
MOTHER TRIED TO KILL ME
IT WAS THEN THAT FATHER EMBRACED ME FOR THE FIRST TIME
FROM THAT DAY I LEARNED MORE ABOUT MASTER CAIN'S STRANGE LIFE
AH
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
THIS LIFE OF HIS.
THIS MUST BE THE REASON!
THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT I HAVE TO LEARN ALL ABOUT COUNTSHIP AND BECOME A WORTHY COUNT

I ALSO FOUND OUT THE REASON BEHIND HIS QUESTION: "YOU CAN SEE ME?"
ANOTHER TUTOR HAS BEEN SENT AWAY AGAIN!
AGAIN?
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT, HE SAID THAT "EYES CANNOT CHANGE INTO GOLD", "OR IT COMES FROM AN INCESTUOUS RELATIONSHIP"
EXCEPT FOR THE HOME TUTORS.
THE SERVANTS DON'T SPEAK TO MASTER CAIN.
I HATED WHAT THAT OLD MAN SAID.
HMPH!
THEY ACT AS IF MASTER CAIN IS COMPLETELY INVISIBLE
OH
NO!
DO YOU WANT SUGAR IN YOUR TEA?
YOUR FACE IS PALE AND YOU DON'T LOOK WELL YOU SHOULD EAT MORE!
YOU FAINTED LAST TIME

BECAUSE I HAVE YOU!
RIFF, YOU ARE THE ONE IN MY CAGE!
UHP
THE LITTLE BIRD I HAD BEFORE I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT DIED
BUT, I DON'T NEED A PET ANY-MORE
I'M FINE NOW
IT SEEMS THAT
COME!
I'LL SHOW YOU A SECRET PASSAGE!
AH?
LOOK AT THIS!
IT'S MADE BY OUR ANCESTORS EVEN FATHER DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT!
IT LEADS TO THE BASE-MENT!

SPECIAL, UNIQUE ONES!
YES! THIS EXCEPTIONAL COLLECTION OF POISONS WAS LEFT BY OUR ANCESTORS
POISON!
POISON?
THIS
THIS IS
THEY'RE VERY UNUSUAL AND DANGEROUS!
DON'T TALK SO LIGHTLY ABOUT OBSCURE THINGS LIKE THAT!
AH.,
YES, THAT'S RIGHT I TOOK THIS PHOTO FROM MY FATHER'S ROOM.
LADY AUGUSTA THE MASTER'S SISTER.,
THIS IS
SHE WAS ONCE A BLACK HAIRED BEAUTY.

YES
I HAVE ONLY ME? HER ONCE A LONG, LONG TIME AGO
"WAS"?
SHE PASSED AWAY? SHE
HER BEAUTIFUL BLACK HAIR HAD BECOME WHITE
HER HANDS WERE WHITE AS SNOW
COME HERE LITTLE BOY.
HURRY AND COME HERE!
SHE EM-BRACED ME TEND-ERLY
GOOD BOY!
AH?
WHERE IS THE BLACK FEA-THER?
EH?
HOW DO YOU FEEL? MY LITTLE BOY?

AUG-
USTA!
DEVIL!
DEVIL!
AUNT
YOUR EYES ARE LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF THE DEVIL!
WHERE IS THE BLACK FEATHER? WHERE DID IT GO?
YOU WANT TO KILL ME? YOU MONSTER!
DON'T ----
DON'T COME OVER HERE! DON'T--
DON'T! DON'T COME OVER HERE...
AFTER-WARDS, I REALZED THAT WE WERE AT A MENTAL HOSPITAL
MORE THAN TEN YEARS HAS PASSED SINCE SHE BECAME CRAZY

I WANTED TO SEE HER AGAIN.
BUT FATHER WOULDN'T LET ME
MY MOTHER MET A HORRIBLE DEATH
WHEN AUNT AUGUSTA EMBRACED ME THAT TIME, I FELT LIKE SHE WAS MOTHER
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
THEN WHY DID YOU TAKE THIS PHOTO?
CAIN!
RIFF! WHAT KIND OF A SERVANT ARE YOU?
FATHER
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE NOT TO COME HERE!

THWAK
MAS-
TER
CAIN
DON'T
HURT MY
SERVANT
HMPH
FINE!
CAIN,
LEAVE US
HAVE TO
TALK WITH
RIFF
EH?
THAT WAS
THE FIRST
TIME THAT HE
PROTECTED
SOMEBODY
ELSE!
HA
HA!

JUST LIKE THAT LITTLE BIRD!
IF YOU SEPERATE FROM HIM, HE WILL BE HURT DEEPLY!
AH!
YES!
ALWAYS, STAY BY HIS SIDE
AND HAS THIS SATISFIED SMILE
ON HIS FACE!
THAT'S RIGHT WHENEVER THE MASTER FINISHES WHIPPING YOUNG MASTER CAIN, HE ALWAYS SMOKES HIS PIPE—
THE TRUTH IS, HE REALLY HATES MASTER CAIN!

BUT THIS YOUNG BOY RECOGNIZES IT AS LOVE FROM HIS FATHER
AND WHIPPING HIS BACK EVERY NIGHT
(AND THEN IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE MASTER WHO KILLED THE LITTLE BIRD!)
ISOLATES HIM FROM OTHER PEOPLE
I WON'T LET HIM GO TO SCHOOL!
WHAT KIND OF LOVE IS THAT...
MASTER CAIN!
AH
THAT'S CRAZY!
THAT'S
!
ARSENIC!
WITH MY MEDICINE BOOK
YOU ARE STUDYING THE SUGAR, AREN'T YOU?

I SAID SHUT UP!
WHICH IS WHY YOU DON'T WANT SUGAR IN..
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE RECENTLY BEEN ILL.
AND YOU'VE NOTICED IT YOURSELF!
SHUT UP!
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE MASTER HAS BEEN PUTTING ARSENIC IN THE SUGAR EVERYDAY?
THIS CAN'T BE...
FATHER IS NOT TRYING TO KILL ME!
EH?
DIFF
I WANT TO SEE THAT PERSON
SHE FELT LIKE A MOTHER. I WANT TO SEE AUNT AUGUSTA AGAIN, JUST ONCE.
WHITE HANDS EMBRACING ME

YOU HAVE A VISITOR!
LADY AUGUSTA!
ALEXIS? FATHER...
DON'T!
GOD WON'T FORGIVE ME!
ALEXIS!
LADY AUGUSTA?

I LOVE YOU.
ALEXIS WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LET GO!
SISTER!
YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
DON'T DO THIS!
I LOVE YOU!!
AUGUSTA
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE IN MY EYES
CRASH
MASTER?
WHERE IS LADY AUGUSTA?

CHAPTER
PLEASE TAKE AWAY THIS SON OF THE DEVIL
STOP GOD PLEASE FORGIVE ME
I DON'T WANT TO
I DON'T WANT TO GIVE BIRTH...
AUNT?
DON'T COME NEAR ME!
ALEXIS, DON'T HURT ME ANYMORE
DON'T ---!
WAIT! AUNT AUGUSTA
AUG-USTA

AUNT
AUG-
USTA

AUNT!
CAIN. IS THAT YOU, CAIN?
YOUR FATHER
POOR CHILD..
NOW THAT I'M DYING, HE WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
CAIN, DON'T LOOSE LIKE I DID
HE LIKES TO TORMENT AND HURT PEOPLE TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM HAPPINESS
CAIN..!
MY
CHILD

FOR-
GET IT!
IT'S
ALL
RIGHT
NOW.
CAIN. IT'S
JUST A
NIGHTMARE
THIS
I
REMEMBER!
WHAT
FATHER
SAID, ON
THE DAY
WHEN
MOTHER
DIED
TH.S.
THIS
WAY,
YOU
CAN
LIVE
LONGER
MASTER
CAIN.
ABEL'S A
WENT MAD
AFTER G.VING
BIR.H TO
HE CHILD OF
HER LITTLE
BROTHER
HA.S BEEN
KNEW ALL
ALONG, BUT
DION'T WAN
TO SEE HA
HA.S WHY
FATHER HAS
BEATED ME
IKE TH.S EVER
SINCE MY BIRTH!
THE TRUTH IS,
MY FATHER
REALLY
HATES ME!

THAT'S RIGHT SHE JUMPED OUT OF THE WINDOW
SISTER AUGUSTA IS DEAD?
THE LAST ONE TO SEE HER ALIVE WAS MASTER CAIN, WHO CAME TO VISIT HER.
MASTER CAIN..
LET'S GO HOME! RIFF.
GET THE CAR.

CAIN!
YOU'RE HOME!
FA-THER
YOU MUST BE VERY UPSET?
HAVE SOME TEA AND CALM DOWN!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU WERE ABLE TO SEE HER ONE LAST TIME BEFORE SHE DIED!
YOU ARE NOT ANGRY WITH ME? I WENT OUT WITHOUT PERMISSION.
AND CAUSED AUNT AUGU-STA'S
COUNT HARG-REAVES?
HELLO? HELLO?

FATHER
THINK ABOUT IT MY UNFORTUNATE SISTER
HAD AT LEAST YOU BY HER SIDE WHEN SHE DIED THAT'S REALLY GOOD! CAIN, THANK YOU
I I AM REALLY SILLY I THOUGHT THAT FATHER WOULD HATE ME
I'M SORRY FATHER...
CLANK
YES. HOW COULD HATE YOU.
YES!
FA-THER
HURRY DRINK IT WHILE IT'S STILL HOT!
SILLY! HOW COULD I HATE MY OWN CHILD?

THE ONLY WOMAN HAVE EVER LOVED WAS AUGUSTA MY SISTER
I HATE YOU SO MUCH THAT I WANT YOU DEAD!
BUT AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO YOU, SHE WENT MAD
TELL ME HOW COULD I EVER LOVE YOU?
MY FAMILY FORCED ME INTO A MARRIAGE THAT I DON'T WANT BECAUSE OF YOU.
BECAUSE OF YOU, I WAS FORCED TO MARRY A STUPID WOMAN WHO I DIDN'T LOVE.
ORIGI-NALLY, WHEN I KILLED MY WIFE YOU WERE TO BE THE NEXT!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HEAR ME EVER AGAIN, CAIN!
FATHER, I REM-EMBER VERY CLEARLY.
BUT AFTER SHE TOOK THE POISON, SHE WENT LOOKING TO KILL YOU.

FATHER!
. DID IT SMELL NICE?
YOUR CALCULATIONS ARE NOT EVEN FRIGHTENING.
CAIN.
YOU
I EXCHANGED THE ARSENIC WITH A POWDER MADE OF ROSES.
IF THE TEA GAVE OFF THE SCENT OF ROSE, I WOULD KNOW THAT "SOMEONE" IS TRYING TO KILL ME!

RIFF!
AH...!
CAIN, I WANT YOU TO HAVE A TASTE OF WHAT I FELT WHEN SISTER AUGUSTA DIED!
CLUNK

THERE'S POISON IN THE PIPE...!
I KNEW THAT THE MOMENT YOU WOULD SMOKE YOUR PIPE
AFTER FINISHING SOMETHING THAT GAVE YOU SATSFACTION, YOU WOULD ALWAYS SMOKE YOUR PIPE
PO.. PO!- SON?
WOULD BE WHEN YOU KILLED ME
WHY?
HMPH
YOU WILL NEVER FIND HAPPINESS!
YOU REALLY ARE A DEVIL REMEMBER THIS!
CAIN..
IS THE NAME OF THE FIRST PERSON WHO KILLED HIS RELA- TIVE!
YOU WILL NEVER FIND LOVE IN YOUR LIFE..
YOU WILL DIE ALL ALONE.. DON'T FORGET.

THE WOUNDS UPON MY BACK HAVE OPENED UP
IT HURTS!
LOOK!
LOOK! YOU CANNOT KILL ME!
MA-STER!

MA-
STER
CAIN
I AM
NOT
AFRAID
OF
SOL-
TUDE
BECAUSE
I HAVE
ALWAYS
BEEN
ALONE
I WON'T
CRY
ANYMORE!
THESE
ARE MY
LAST
TEARS...
I WISH
THAT YOU
WILL NEVER
EXPERIENCE
SORROW
AGAIN.
LET ME
COMFORT
YOU,
MASTER
CAIN!
OVER
THE
COURSE
OF
TIME
I WILL
ALWAYS
STAY BY
YOUR
SIDE THAT
IS WHAT
I WANT.

COUNT HARGREAVES DISAPPEARED. THAT DAY, MASTER CAIN INHERITED THE COUNTSHIP AND BECAME THE COUNT
HOWEVER...
BROT-HER CAIN!
LIKE THE WOUNDS IN HIS HEART, THE SCARS ON HIS BACK WILL NEVER VANISH.
LOOK!
IT'S A FLOWER WREATH!
UM ---
DO GIRLS REALLY LIKE THESE KIND OF THINGS?
HEY!
DIFF! DIFF!
OH!
SINCE MASTER CAIN'S HALF SISTER, MISS MERRYWEATHER HAS COME TO US. THE HOUSE HAS BECOME MORE LIVELY
EH?

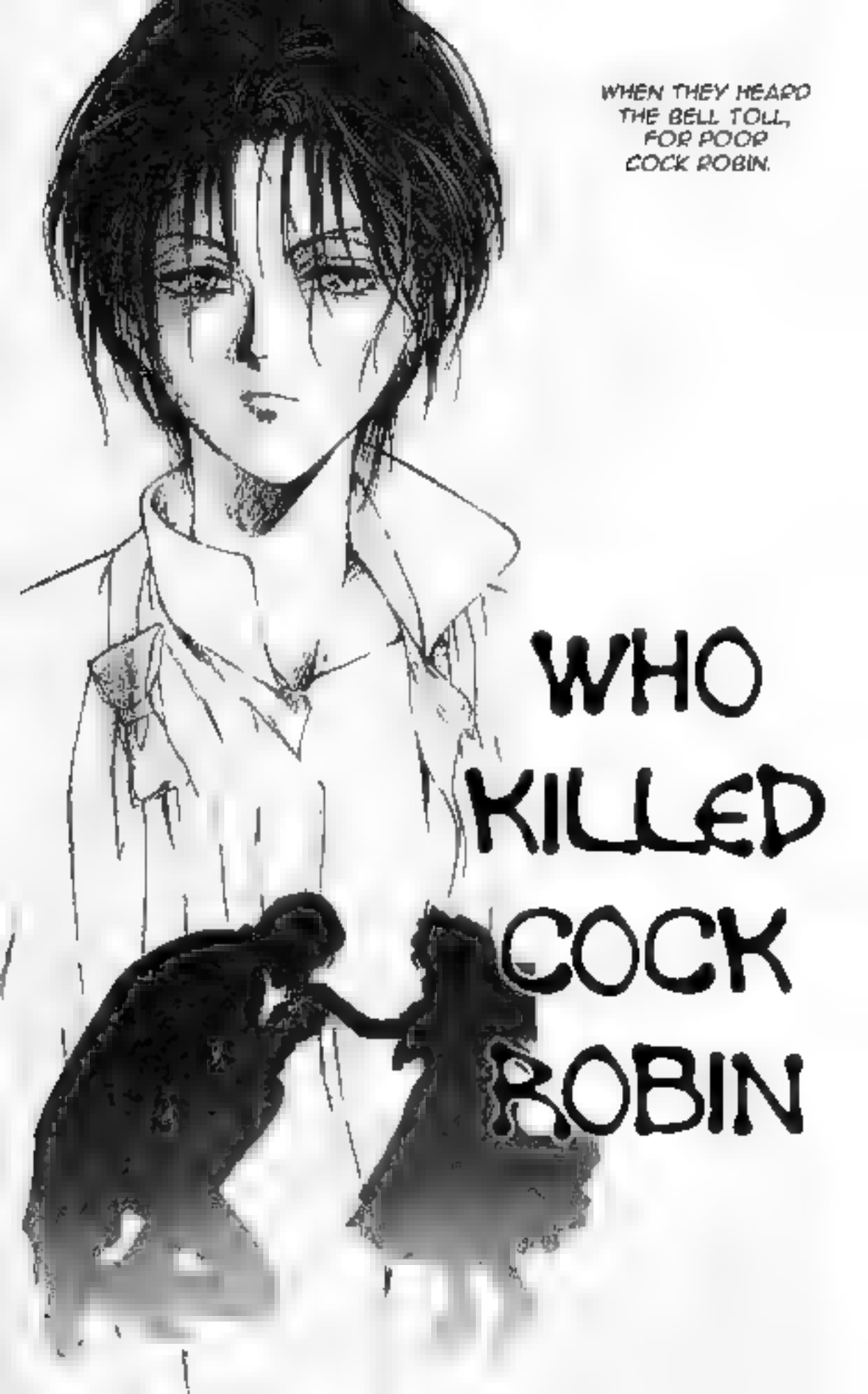
NO NEED!
I KNOW MY FATE IS TO BE WITH MASTER CAIN!
AH..
WILL YOU LET ME TELL YOUR FORTUNE?
I'M VERY GOOD! I DID IT AS A LIVING BEFORE!
BROTHER IS VERY FORTUNATE!
THAT'S GOOD!
REALLY GREAT!
HA HA!
MISS MERRY! YOU LEFT A TAROT CARD BEHIND

FOREVER LIKE THIS...
AH !
IF EVERY-THING COULD STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER
WITHOUT SORROW OR PAIN...

WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN

WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?
I, SAID THE SPARROW,
WITH MY BOW AND ARROW, I KILLED COCK ROBIN.
WHO CAUGHT HIS BLOOD?
I, SAID THE FISH,
WITH MY LITTLE DISH, I CAUGHT HIS BLOOD.

ALL THE BIRDS OF THE A-
FELL A-SIGHING AND A-SOBBING


WHEN THEY HEARD
THE BELL TOLL,
FOR POOR
COCK ROBIN.
WHO
KILLED
COCK
ROBIN

AWK!
AWK!
HEY!
CAIN C. HARGREAVES!
LONG TIME NO SEE, PROFESSOR LAMAR!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HOW ABOUT YOU COME AND STAY AT MY PLACE!
THERE IS A GIRL'S CORPSE HERE

ELSIE LOUISE ROBINS!
HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
AH!
WE DON'T KNOW!
JOHN, LINNET, ALEX, WERE YOU WITH ELSIE LAST NIGHT?
EH. IT IS JUST FOOLISH CHILDISH TALK!
BLACK ANGEL?
LIN-NET!
IT WAS THE BLACK ANGEL!
A GUN SHOT WOUND!

IT IS ELSIE'S GRAND-FATHER!
OH! FA-THER!
* "FATHER" = A PRIEST
A GENTLEMAN DRESSED IN A BLACK COAT WITH A BLACK HAT ..
HE HAS BEEN SHOWING UP NEAR ELSIE THESE 2, 3 DAYS!
PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE ..
FATHER ..
SORRY TO BOTHER EVERY-ONE..
BUT WHY IS THIS HERE..
EVERY-BODY, PLEASE!

CAIN, I NEVER IMAGINED THAT YOU WOULD SHOW UP HERE!
NO, NOW IT IS "COUNT HARGREAVES"
IS THAT YOUNG SERVANT OF YOURS DOING WELL?
HE IS WITH YOUR SISTER AT THE MOMENT?
YES.
THAT MUST BE WONDERFUL.
YOUR SISTER
WELCOME ---
I HAVE HEARD THAT THE COUNT IS A FAMOUS "POISON" EXPERT
IN ADDITION, YOU ALSO GO ON MANY TRIPS!
YOU ARE STILL INTERESTED IN THIS HOBBY?

IF THAT WAS SO, THEN I WOULD NOT WANT TO DRINK THIS CUP OF TEA.
NO!
HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THIS?
THE COUNT MUST BE CAREFUL AND WARY, DEALING WITH DEADLY POISONS...
Ho Ho Ho
NO! I HAVE NOT!
HMPH!
SHE JUST DOESN'T HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS.
THE M'STRESS STILL DOES NOT LIKE ME...
TOWARDS ME, SHE IS THE SAME WAY!
HAVE YOU SEEN MY TIE CLAPSE ANYWHERE?
SYLVIA!
HOW RUDE! I AM LEAVING FIRST!

CAREFUL!
THE BOUQET THAT THE PROFESSOR GAVE IS THE NICEST ONE!
YOU LOOK HAPPY TODAY
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN AWHILE.
ELSIE, I BROUGHT YOU YOUR PEARLS.
ARE YOU LONELY ALL BY YOURSELF?
RUSTLE
WHO.
WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?
SETTLE DOWN!
I, SAID THE SPARROW ...
ARE YOU REALLY ESLIE'S BIRD?

YOU LIKED HER A LOT?
IS THIS THE GRAVE OF THE GIRL WHO DIED YESTERDAY?
THERE IS NO ONE HERE WHO DID NOT LIKE ELSE!
ALL SHE HAD TO DO WAS SMILE AT ME,
AND I WOULD FEEL HAPPY
SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL
LIKE A SMALL BIRD, HER HAIR GAVE OFF A BRIGHT GLOW
I THINK THAT SHE DID SOMETHING EVIL,
WHICH IS WHY WE SAID IT WAS THE BLACK ANGEL!
AT 5:00 EACH THURSDAY, SHE WOULD DISAPPEAR INTO THE WOODS
BUT I KNEW THAT SHE HAD A SECRET

IF A PERSON DOES SOMETHING EVIL, THE BLACK ANGEL WILL DESCEND ABOUT THAT HUMAN!
THE FATHER ALWAYS SAID THAT--
JUST LIKE AT OUR GAME...
GAME?
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
OH!
YAAAH!
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!

WHAT IS IT?
THE BLACK ANGEL?
ALEX!
THAT MOMENT, I HAD MISTAKEN HIS COAT AS WINGS!
WAIT!

HAS BEEN KILLED!
NO! LINNET.
ANO-THER CHILD DIED?
FLY?
SMASHED ON THE HEAD WITH A TORCH
ALEX!
WHY ARE HIS EYES COV-ERED?
Linnet

"WITH MY BOW AND ARROW --"
"I, SAID THE SPARROW" ---
"WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?"
"WHO'LL CARRY THE TORCH"?*
"WHO SAW HIM DIE?"
AH!
"I, SAID THE LINNET!"
"I, SAID THE FLY"
THE FLY SAW, AND SO HIS EYES WERE COVE-RED,
THIS POEM IS WHAT THE MURDERER WAS FOLL-OWING--
THE LINNET WAS SMASHED WITH THE TORCH SHE CARRIED--
THERE-FORE, THE ONE WHO KILLED THEM.
WAS THE SPARROW WHO SHOT THE ARROW!

* THE ORIGINAL ENGLISH RHYME ACTUALLY READS "WHO'LL CARRY THE LINK?"

JOHN!
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY!
JOHN
YOU
AH!
ELSIE.., ELSIE IS ANGRY!
BECAUSE WE KILLED HER!
JOHN..

ONE TIME THE FATHER FOUND OUT, AND HE TOLD US ABOUT THE BLACK ANGEL STORY, SO WE WERE NOT TO PLAY THE GAME ANYMORE.
WE WOULD SING "WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN" AS WE PLAYED OUR "FUNERAL" GAME
THIS WAS A FORBI-DDEN GAME--
YOU KILLED HER ?
WHEN THE BELLS TOLLED,
WE USED AN EMPTY GUN TO SHOOT HER
BUT ONE DAY--
ELSIE PLAYED THE DEAD PERSON
BUT SHE REALLY DIDN'T MOVE AT ALL!
THE ONE WHO PLAYED THE DEAD PERSON WAS NOT ALLOWED TO MOVE
ELSIE WAS REALLY DEAD ...

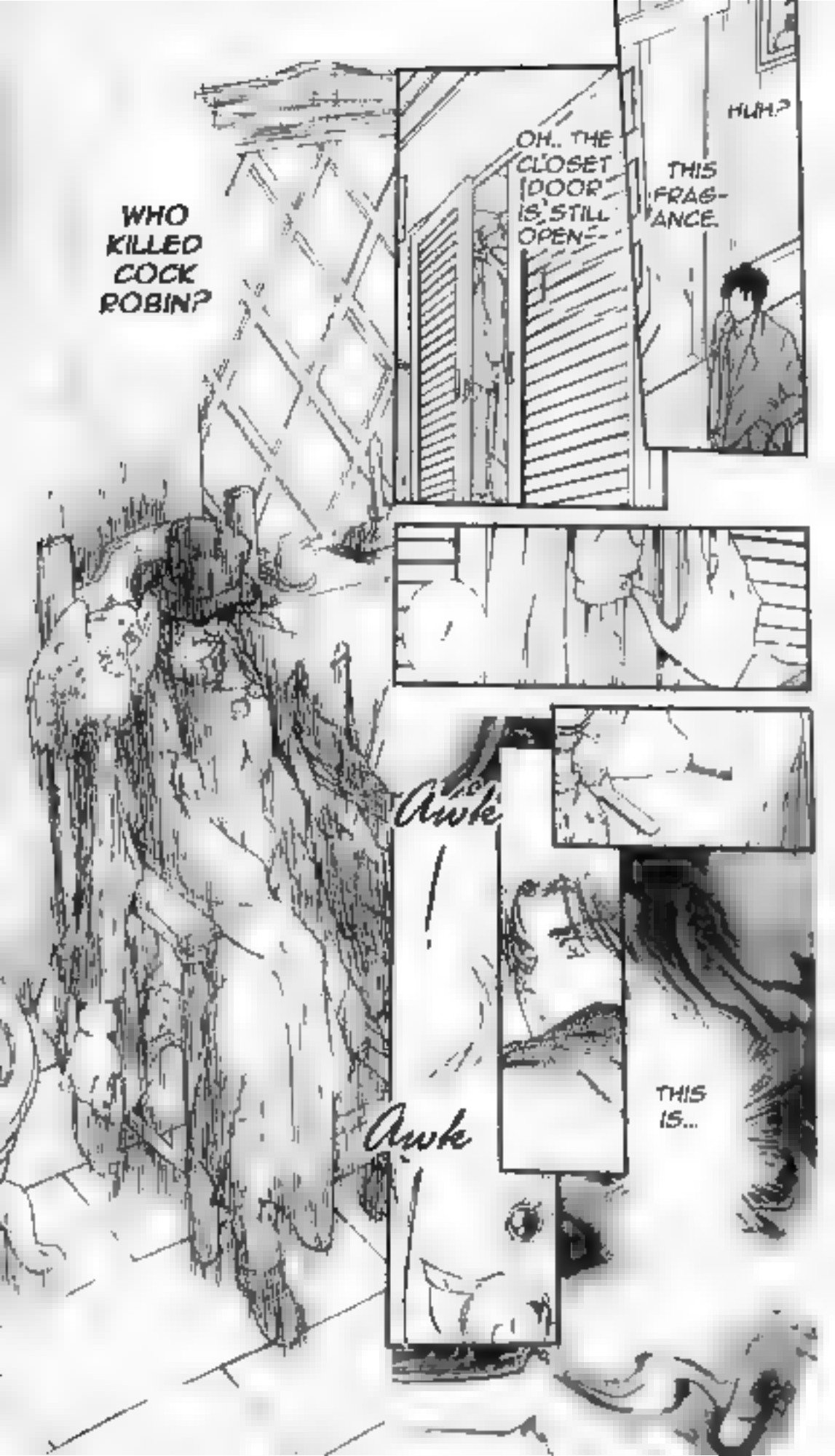
SO EVERYONE RAN!
I DON'T KNOW WHO PUT THE BULLETS IN.
MY FATHER'S GUN HAS ALWAYS BEEN EMPTY,
.....
THIS PLACE...
IS WHERE WE KILLED HER
WHAT A LOUD BELL TOLL...
IS THAT THE CHURCH OVER THERE?
DONG DONG

THIS IS
PLINK
WHAT IS THAT SHINE OVER THERE?
!
WHAT?
JOHN THE TRUTH IS PROBABLY THAT...
!
PROBABLY THAT YOU DID NOT KILL ELSIE!
REALLY?
...
REALLY?
WE DIDN'T KILL ANYONE?
THEN I CAN STILL PURSUE MY DREAM OF BEING A STORE MANAGER WHEN I GROW UP?
THAT'S GREAT!
YAY! I'LL LET YOU BE MY FIRST CUSTOMER!

BUT
THE BLACK ANGEL STILL CAME.
TO GET HER.
WHAT IS IT?
THE TRUTH S, I KNEW ELSIE'S SECRET
THAT DAY, I FOLLOWED HER INTO THE WOODS
ELSIE WAS--
IN A SMALL HOUSE, WHERE THE LOGS ARE KEPT
THAT MAN WAS
FOR ELSIE'S SAKE, I NEVER TOLD THIS TO ANYONE!

JOHN!
JOHN!
WAIT!
AH
DONG
DONG
DONG
HE'S HEADING TO THE CHURCH!
IT'S THE BLACK ANGEL!

CAIN!
PROF-ESSOR!
COULD THIS BE A MISTAKE?
FATHER IS DRESSED AS THE BLACK ANGEL?
SUICIDE..?!
AH!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
THE "FUNERAL" GAME THAT ELSIE AND JOHN PLAYED
WAS IT ALSO COPIED BY HIM?


WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?
OH.. THE CLOSET DOOR IS STILL OPEN--
HUH?
THIS FRAG-ANCE.
Awk !
Awk
THIS IS...

JOHN...
JOHN...
MY CHILD!
HURRY UP AND OPEN YOUR EYES! OPEN YOUR EYES...
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?
WHERE IS GOD? WHERE? GOD~~
I LIKE
ELSIE...
I WANT TO BE A STORE MANAGER!
YOU HAVE TO BE MY FIRST CUSTOMER!

PRO-
FES-
SOR,
DO YOU
WANT A
DRINK?
SURE!
YOUR
ATTITUDE
IS A BIT
DIFFERENT
...COULD
IT BE
THAT..
YOU
ARE NOT
HAPPY
TO SEE
ME?
THAT
IS NOT
IT
YANK
CAIN?

IT'S NOTHING... EXCEPT THAT JUST NOW, I HAD SMELLED THIS SAME FRAGRANCE ELSE-WHERE
WHERE?
OH... I JUST WENT OUT, SO I SPRAYED THIS ON ME.
WHAT IS IT? IS THERE A PROBLEM?
IT SMELLS VERY NICE! WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS ON?
COLO-GNE--
IN THE FATHER'S ROOM.
HIS CLOSET!
THE MAN WHO RAN AWAY AFTER JOHN WAS KILLED DID NOT SEEM LIKE AN OLD PERSON
THEREFORE, IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE PRIEST WAS CERTAINLY NOT THE MURDERER!
PROFE-SSOR,
I WAS THINKING ---
EH? IN THAT PLACE?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
CAIN!
HE PLACED A GUN IN HIS HAND,
AND THEN DRESSED HIM UP WITH THE HAT AND CLOTHES
AFTER THE MURDERER KILLED JOHN, HE RAN TO THE CHURCH AND KILLED THE FATHER
IF THIS IS SO,
THE CLOSET WOULD CONTAIN WHATEVER FRAGRANCE THE KILLER WAS WEARING!
THE KILLER THEN HID IN THE CLOSET WITH EVERYONE'S ATTENTION FIXED ON THE CORPSE, HE WOULD NOT BE DISCOVERED
AFTERWARDS, HE CAME OUT DRESSED IN DIFFERENT CLOTHES SO THAT HE LOOKED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS?
A GUN'S BULLET SHELL?
LOOK WHAT IS THIS?
PROFESSOR, DON'T YOU AGREE WITH WHAT I HAVE SAID?

AND THE PERSON WHO KILLED ELSIE WAS THE OWNER OF THIS TYPE OF BULLET
DO YOU KNOW? THE FACT IS--
JOHN'S GUN WAS EMPTY
I FOUND IT ON A SMALL MOUNTAIN NOT FAR FROM WHERE ELSIE WAS KILLED
IT WAS PROB-ABLY ACCID-ENTLY DRO-PPED.
WHEN THE BELL TOLL STOPPED THE SOUND OF THE GUN ALSO STOPPED.
THE MAN MUST HAVE BEEN EDUC-ATED.
THE BULLET THAT KILLED ELSIE WAS FIRED ON PERFECT TIMING
THE GUN THAT KILLED JOHN WAS THE SAME WAY
WHAT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
HA!
THEN IT CAN ONLY BE YOU!
AND HE HAD TO HAVE VERY GOOD SHOO-TING SKILLS
SO HE WAS EXPERIENCED AND EDUCATED.

ELSIE WAS WEARING THIS WHEN SHE DIED ...
I FOUND IT IN THE FATHER'S ROOM!
WHERE DID YOU FIND IT?
IT IS MINE. AM CERTAIN OF THAT!
CAIN, IS THAT MY MISSING TIE CLAPSE?
OH! REA-LLY?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY IMPO-RTANT TO HER
IF YOU SAY THAT THIS IS YOUR'S,
WAS YOU!
THEN ELSIE'S SECRET LOVER,
ELSIE...
LOUISE ROBINS

SHE WAS MY BEAUTIFUL— ROBIN!
MY ANGEL
ELSIE
UNINTENTIONALLY FELL IN LOVE WITH HER!
EVERYBODY LOOKED UP TO ME BUT I STILL FELT SO EMPTY
I BECAME A PROFESSOR AT A FAMOUS SCHOOL AT A YOUNG AGE
ALSO HAD A GREAT MARRIAGE AND A HIGH
A PEARL
WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?
A SONG?
I, SAID THE SPARROW

I KNEW THAT THIS WAS A SIN,
THIS WAS LOVE!
I FIRST MET HER IN THE WOODS.
BUT I DID NOT KNOW HOW TO STOP IT!
I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT WAS THAT I REALIZED ---
THESE ARE THE PEARLS THAT I GAVE THEM!
WHO IS IT?
IT'S THEM!

WHAT... SHOULD I DO?
WHAT DO I DO...?
WHEN GRAND-FATHER FINDS OUT
I FELT AS IF THE FLUIDS INSIDE MY BODY WERE FLOWING OUT!
I HAVE DONE WRONG!
ON SUNDAY TOMORROW, I WILL CONFESS TO GRAND-FATHER!
HE WILL FORGIVE ME IF I TELL HIM BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE DOES!
THIS WAS THE PRIEST'S 10 YEAR OLD GRAND-DAUG-HTER!
I WANT TO GO HOME!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ANGRY!
NO ONE WILL FORGIVE US!
YOU CANNOT! YOU CANNOT TELL ANYONE!
LET GO OF ME!
WAIT!
IF THIS GOT OUT INTO THE OPEN..

LET GO!
ELSIE!
TODAY I'M PLAYING THE PART OF COCK ROBIN!
I HAVE TO GO PLAY MY GAME!
SO YOU KILLED HER?
YES ...
YOU KILLED THOSE CHILDREN,
YES!
AND THEN PLACED THE BLAME ON THE PRIEST?
I CAN EVEN KILL YOU!

DID YOUR WIFE NOT TELL YOU?
I AM A COUNT WHO USES POISONS
AH.
AH.
GAH
WHAT DID YOU PUT IN THE WINE?
CAIN YOU.
LISTEN UP
MY HALF-SISTER MERRY-WEATHER, USED TO LIVE WITH HER MOTHER SOMEWHERE
THESE 2, 3 DAYS, I HIRED SOMEONE TO LOOK FOR AND BRING ELSIE BACK
THAT TIME, THEY HAD A CLOSE FRIEND WHO HAD BEEN SEPERATED FROM HER DAUGHTER, AND SHE WANTED TO SEE HER...
THAT GIRL IS ELSIE LOUISE ROBINS!

AGH ..
BUT BECAUSE OF YOU, THE CHILDREN HAD TO SUFFER
CAIN ..
WHAT YOU DID NOT KNOW IS THAT THE ORIGINAL BLACK ANGEL WHICH THE CHILDREN SPOKE OF, WAS ACTUALLY THE PERSON HAD HIRED.
IN FACT, HE HAD ALREADY REPORTED TO ME THAT HE HAD FOUND HER
BUT YOU USED THEIR STORY TO KILL ELSIE!
PROF-ESSOR, YOU CANNOT HEAR ANY-MORE?
I CAN'T HEAR!
I WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO TAKE ELSIE BACK HOME.
NO!
AH...THIS IS THE SMALL HOUSE WHERE THE LOGS ARE KEPT!
I AM STILL ALIVE!
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

YOU WANT ...
ELSIE, FORGIVE ME!
TO KILL ME?
THIS ISN'T CAIN'S VOICE!
WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?
HAHAHA
HAHA
MY SPA RROW
IT IS ELSIE'S VOICE!
SAID THE SPARROW
HAHAHAHA
I WAS ... SC- ARED!
I WOULD HAVE BEEN FINISHED!
IF SOMEONE HAD FOUND OUT THAT I LOVED A LITTLE GIRL..
TO KILL ME...?
WANT.
WHY DO YOU.

YOU ARE MY ROBIN!
FOR MY REPUTATOIN AND NAME, I HAD TO KILL YOU!
I LOVE YOU.
OH. ELSIE LOUISE ROBINS--
STOP! ELSIE, STAY AWAY!
DO NOT MAKE ME KILL YOU AGAIN!

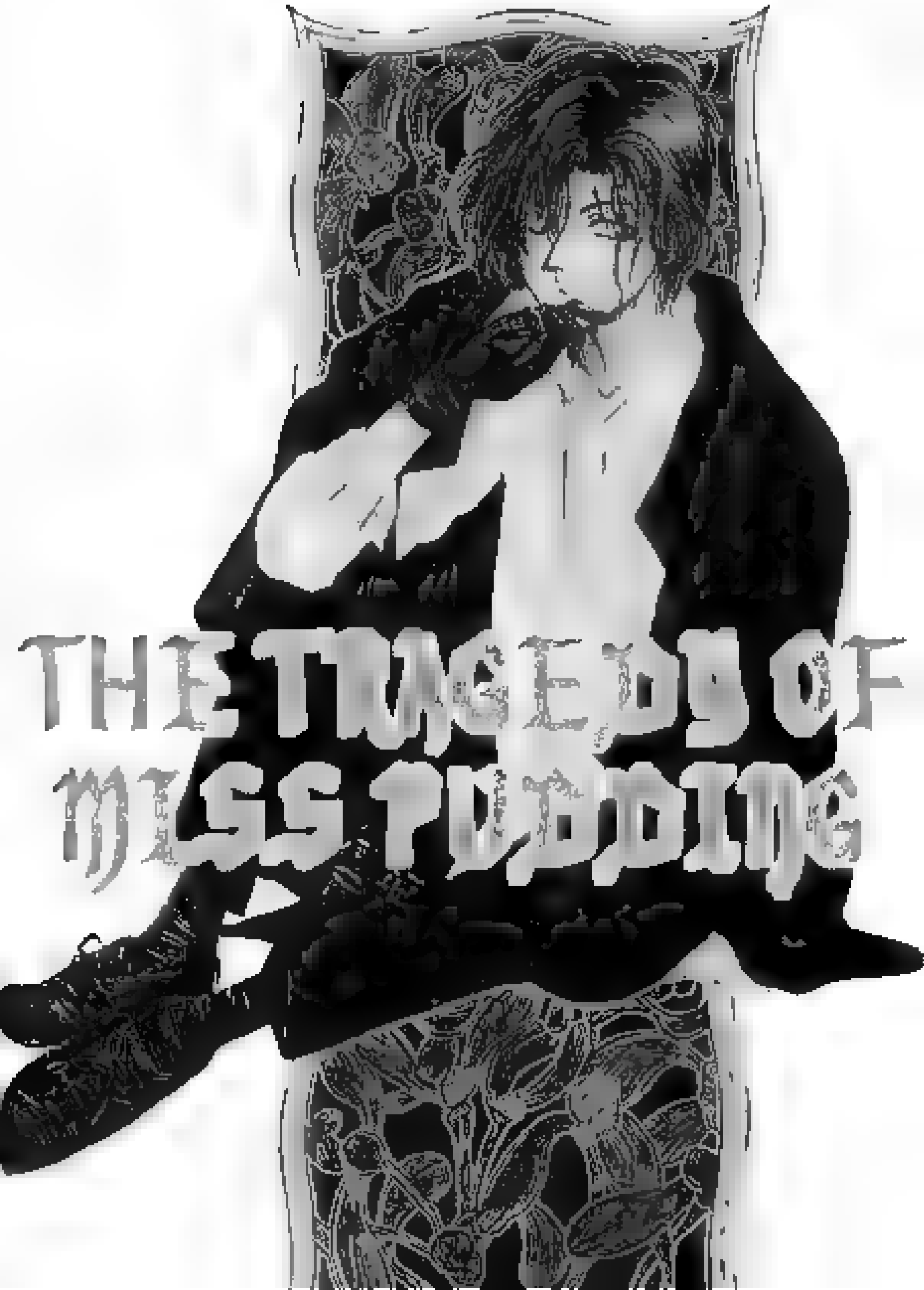
PROFE-
SSOR
LAMAR
HOW DID
THIS..
YOU.
I HAVE
FAILED...
I HAVE
FAILED..
MY ROBIN!
WHO
KILLED
COCK
ROBIN?
AWK
AWK

THE GUN EXPLODED
SOMETHING HAD BEEN STUCK INSIDE THE GUN'S OPENING
WHAT A STRANGE OCCURRANCE!
BROTHER CAIN!
YOU'RE BACK!
I ORIGINALLY WANTED MY SISTER TO SEE ELSIE.
BUT THE PROFESSOR INTERFERED WITH EVERYTHING!
HEY!
DO YOU..
YOU CAME TOO!
WANT TO GO WITH ME?

BROTHER, WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO WITHOUT TELLING ME?
YOU HAVE TO BRING ME NEXT T ME!
A PRESENT FOR YOU!
YAH!
GOOD GIRL, MERRY!
THERE ARE PEARLS INSIDE YOUR POCKET?
MA-STER
I ONLY "USED" ONE!
YOU CAN THROW THEM AWAY
OH!

I, SAID THE SPARROW ---
WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?
WHO KILLED THE MURDERER?
I, SOMEONE SAID!

THE TRAGEDY OF MISS PUDDING
MAY I COME IN?
MASTER!
IS EVERY-THING ALL RIGHT?
AEEIII


THE TINGE OF
MISPRINT

11 YEARS LATER —LONDON—
WHEN GOOD KING ARTHUR RULED HIS LAND———
HE WAS A GOODLY KING!
HE STOLE THREE PECKS OF BARLEY MEAL
TO MAKE A BAG-PUDDING.
A BAG-PUDDING THE KING DID MAKE
AND STUFFED IT WELL WITH PLUMS ... ...

PUDDING ?
FROM RON A SERVANT! I HEARD HE WAS THE FIRST ONE TO DISCOVER THE BODIES
HE WAS WORKING IN A ROOM NEAR TO THAT HOTEL ROOM
MERRY-WEATHER, WHERE DID YOU HEAR THIS FROM?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT THE SERIAL MURDERS IN THE PAST TWO NIGHTS, WHERE THE VICTIMS HAD THEIR BELLIES SLICED OPEN?
YUP! BROTHER CAIN!
THEY SAY THAT THE ESCAPING MURDERER HAD LONG SILVER HAIR..... AND WAS SINGING "WHEN GOOD KING ARTHUR RULED HIS LAND"!
YES!
HMM, GOSSIPING!
FIRE HIM!
IN THE ROOMS OF THE VICTIMS, THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BLACK PLUM PUDDING LEFT BEHIND!

"WHEN GOOD KING ARTHUR RULED HIS LAND"
IT'S A MOTHER GOOSE SONG! YOU DON'T KNOW IT?
THAT'S BECAUSE WHEN I WAS YOUNG, NO ONE TAUGHT ME ANY SONGS!
I ONLY KNOW 3 OF 'EM
I'LL TEACH YOU A FEW OF THE SONGS I LIKE!
OKAY!
TEACH ME MORE MOTHER GOOSE NEXT TIME.
YOU'RE GOING TO A PARTY AGAIN?
BE A GOOD GIRL AND LOOK AFTER THE HOUSE!
MY MOTHER SHE KILLED ME, MY FATHER, HE ATE ME
MY SISTER AND BROTHER GATHERED TOGETHER ALL MY BONES, AND LAID THEM BENEATH A COLD GRAVESTONE
LIZZIE BORDEN TOOK AN AXE, SHE GAVE HER FATHER FORTY WHACKS—
WHEN SHE REALIZED WHAT SHE'D DONE SHE GAVE HER MOTHER FORTY-ONE!
ENOUGH!
THERE DIED A MAN. A VERY USELESS MAN, WHEN PUTTING HIM INTO THE GRAVE, COULDN'T FIND HIS FINGER ANYWHERE.
HIS HEAD HAD ROLLED UNDERNEATH THE BED. HIS LIMBS WERE SCATTERED EVERYWHERE IN THE ROOM.
JUST CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO BURY HIM NO MORE—

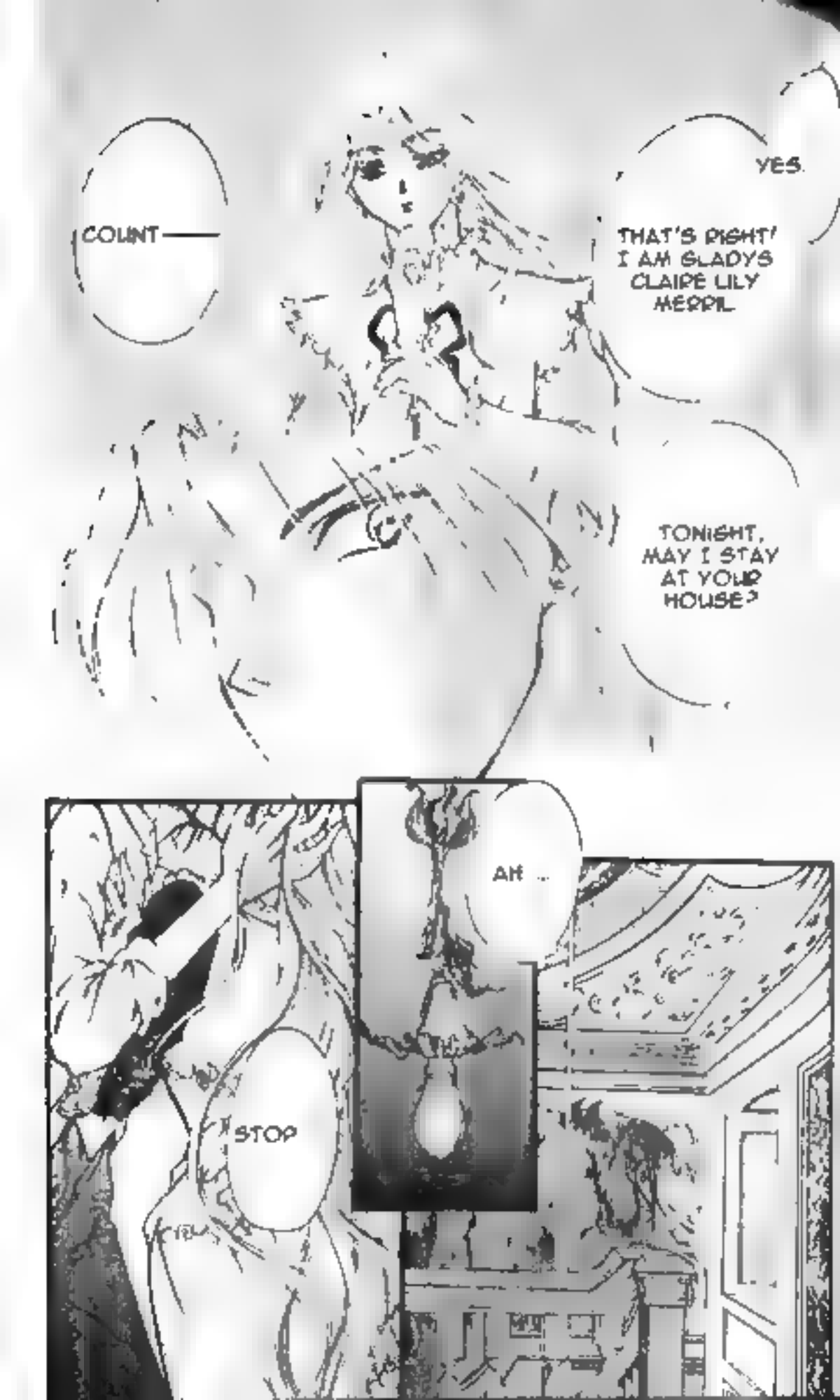
editor's note
this goes in the bubble just above it

ALSO EVER SINCE WHEN HE WAS YOUNG HE HAS BEEN OBSESSED WITH COLLECTING FOLK SONGS
YES. AFTER THE DEATH OF HIS PARENTS, HE HAD TO BECOME THE NEW COUNT, SO
SO HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO LEARN!
IS IT TRUE THAT NO ONE HAS EVER TAUGHT BROTHER HOW TO SING MOTHER GOOSE?
RIFF
SAU
SOCIALIZING WITH THE UPPER-CLASS FOOLS
HE HAS TOO MUCH MONEY AND TIME,
SO HE ONLY KNOWS HOW TO DO THINGS THAT WASTE TIME
NO I.

Ok, since Crisis refuses to translate the wild talk that should go here, you're stuck reading my ramblings. Oh, lucky you. I'm sure that this will incite a general glare in the direction of the aforementioned person. If you are wondering who I am, well, wonder no longer. And if you already know, or simply don't care at all, well you're stuck, cause this is all that you're gonna get to read in 2199 and I'm the editor of this and a few other Count Cain chapters. Oh, and on a minor side note, I am also the reason this chapter took so long to get out. Ok. Ok. Enough with the booing and hissing. Hey! Who threw that tomato?! Cut me some slack, people. Contrary to popular opinion, I do have a life. Sad life also has an annoying tendency to interfere with things like editing. That, coupled with the fact that this is one of the longest Count Cain chapters thus far (I should know, I edited about half of them) caused this chapter to be delayed. Well, what can I say? At least you finally got your dosage of the infamous Count Cain. Enjoy this chapter, and see you in a later chapter.

I THIS
DON'T DENY IT AFTER ALL
IF NO ONE BROUGHT YOU AND YOU CAME HERE BY YOURSELF, THEN YOU MUST WANT TO MEET NEW FRIENDS, RIGHT?
SMOOSH
SHE IS WITH ME!
THE HAD-GREAVES FAMILY S
AH
YOU'RE THAT INFAMOUS WEIRD MAN

OH USE THIS TO WIPE THE PLO-DING!
S. SORRY!
WHAT ABOUT IT?
WHAT A MESS
YES! THE INFAMOUS WEIRD MAN
I AM CAIN C. HAR-GREAVES!
GRAB
DAMN! A COUNT, SO I CAN'T FIGHT BACK!
ARE YOU NOT THE LADY MERIL WHO WAS MARRIED LAST WEEK?
I HAVE SEEN YOU A FEW TIMES
HOW CAN HE LEAVE HIS NEWLY-WED WIFE HERE BY HERSELF?
OH! THAT..


COUNT——
YES.
THAT'S RIGHT! I AM GLADYS CLAIRE LILY MERRIL
TONIGHT, MAY I STAY AT YOUR HOUSE?
AH ..
STOP

STOP!
SORRY, I AND
I
GLADYS
YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THIS BUT YOU ASKED FIRST ISN'T IT DANGER-OUS?
SO SORRY ..!
FORGIVE ME... .. I'M.. .. .. TOO CONFUSED!
I'M GOING!
SLAM

WILD TALK
In this story, Cain's hair is very long in the front and back, and his face is very feminine. It's so strange! There have been letters asking "does Cain look a lot like a girl?" That's right! You can tell just by looking at him! However, I like to draw murderous ghosts more. Looking at this book, you may think it to be a scary book! Many letters from fellow mangakas say they have been influenced by Cain a lot! I read chapter one of one book, and it made me very uncomfortable I am scared of the color of blood
THAT IS CONFUSING YOU?
WHAT IS IT
TELL ME, GLADYS!
WHAT ARE YOU SCARED OF?
PLEASE CALL ME CAIN.
COUNT

I
ALL RIGHT I'LL TELL I'LL TELL YOU!
PLEASE LET GO OF ME NOW! CAIN!
THE SERIAL KILLER OF THOSE RECENT MURDERS!
I AM
AS IF SOMEONE WAS SINGING IN MY EAR
I HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP WELL
ON THE NIGHT THAT IT HAPPENED.

MY HEAD HURT A LOT, AND I WOKE UP
UGH
AND WAS SINGING "GOOD KING ARTHUR RULED THE LAND"
I HID THE KNIFE
I DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON
LOOK THIS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE HAS A PHOTO
IN THE PHOTO, YOU CAN SEE A SMALL EARRING
ON THE SECOND DAY THE SAME SITUATION HAPPENED AGAIN
AND ANOTHER MURDER TOOK PLACE
IMMEDIATELY I HEARD ABOUT THE MURDER
BUT AT THAT TIME, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT IT WAS I WHO HAD KILLED
AFTERWARDS

!
NO ONE ELSE CAN HAVE THIS!
ON OUR WEDDING DAY MY HUSBAND RADCLIFF GAVE ME THIS CUSTOM MADE EARRING.
THE OTHER ONE IS HERE WITH ME!
AND UNCONCIOUSLY MURDERING PEOPLE!
THIS MEANS THAT EVERY NIGHT I HAVE BEEN SLEEP-WALKING
WHEN I DEMAND TO TALK ABOUT IT, HE GETS ANGRY AND ARGUES WITH ME
HE DOESN'T BELIEVE ME AND HE THINKS THAT I M ACTING SILLY
I AM ALSO FRUSTRATED, SO I WANT TO STAY WITH SOMEONE ELSE FOR A NIGHT AND MAKE HIM JEALOUS
RADCLIFF HAS INSOMNIA AND EVERY NIGHT HE TAKES SLEEPING PILLS, SO HE SLEEPS ALL THE WAY UNTIL THE MORNING.
BUT SHOULDN'T YOUR HUSBAND BE SLEEPING BESIDE YOU?
YES!

LET. ...
LET GO OF MY WIFE!
GASP
CRASH
KLUNK
KLUNK
CRASH
COULD IT BE
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
WHAT IS IT?
H A M
I AM NOT EVEN TOUCHING HER!
HUSBAND
HUSBAND

HEY! YOU
YES!
I FROM THE BEGINNING I
WHEN DID YOU SEE US?
WAIT! RADCLIFF!
DON'T PRETEND! STEALING SOMEONE ELSE'S WIFE AWAY
I FORGOT THE TIME AND WHEN I CAME IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE
SLAM
APOLOGIZE TO CAIN.. NO! APOLOGIZE TO THE COUNT!
HONEY..
N. NEXT TIME YOU TOUCH GLADYS.
I'LL..... I'LL SUE YOU!
WHAT A STRANGE HUSBAND!
CRASH
A COUNT? HE
CLINK CRASH

WHA-?

THE "HERO VICTIM"?

THE MAN AT THE "UNITY AFTER" ENTRY... HE WAS MURDERED!

IT WAS REALLY I WHO KILLED HIM!

THAT MAN WAS KILLED
IT WAS REALLY
REALLY I WHO KILLED HIM!
!
THIS HAND-KERCHIEF WAS ON MY BED ..
THE HAND-KERCHIEF I GAVE HIM AT THE PARTY!
NO!
THIS .. STILL CANNOT BE CERTAIN!
I UNCONCIOUSLY KILLED HIM BROUGHT THE HANDKERCHIEF BACK, AND RETURNED TO SLEEP ..
I .. .. I AM THE SERIAL KILLER..
THE SMELL OF PUDDING..
AND BLOOD!

GLADYS!
GLADYS ..
SWIRL
I.. ..
LEAVE! DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT PUDDING THING ANYMORE..
YOU ... WHAT DID YOU DO TO GLADYS?
AH.. .. ..
CRASH
BUMP
I WILL PROTECT GLADYS!

THE VASE YOU KNOCKED DOWN JUST NOW SPILLED ON YOU, DIDN'T IT?
YOU'RE WELCOME FIRST CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES!
AH.. SOAKED
SORRY, IN THE END I HAD TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP ...
ALSO YOUR ENTIRE BODY IS COVERED WITH SCARS.
WHEN... YOU REMOVE YOUR GLASSES CAN YOU STILL SEE CLEARLY?
YOU...
WHAT IS IT?
STOP .. STOP KIDDING ME!

LATER, I WAS BROUGHT TO SOME-WHERE ELSE.
SHE AND I WE GREW UP IN THE SAME ORPHAN-AGE.
I EVEN FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF ~~~~
STOP THAT! THE TRUTH IS—— I AM VERY CLUMSY AND ALWAYS GET INJURED...
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I THINK THAT I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER, AND I FEEL VERY INSUFFI-CIENT
WHEN WE MET AGAIN, HER BEAUTY HELD ME SPEECH-LESS
I THINK THAT AT HER SIDE, THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE HER IS YOU!
BUT NOW SHE IS VERY VULNER-ABLE
COUNT, YOU TRULY ARE A GREAT PERSON.
I THINK THAT YOU AND HER ARE JUST LIKE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE NOW DECEASED FEATHER-STONE WAS THE CHAIRMAN
BASED ON OUTSIDE APPEARANCES, IT IS A MEETING PLACE FOR GENTLEMEN
A CLUB?
THE FIRST VICTIM, MEREDITH—
AND THE SECOND ONE, LUD, MET AT SOME CLUB TEN YEARS AGO
I HAVE A CLIPPING FROM THAT PERIOD'S NEWSPAPER
FEATHER-STONE AND THE DRUG DEALERS ALL DIED WITH THEIR STOMACHS SLICED OPEN!
THE TRUTH IS THAT IT WAS A LOCATION FOR PROSTITUTION AND DRUG DEALING
HOWEVER, 11 YEARS AGO BECAUSE OF THE BLACK PLUM PUDDING INCIDENT, IT WAS SHUT DOWN!
THE BLACK PLUM PUDDING INCIDENT?
ALSO—
MEREDITH AND LUD WERE ABSENT THAT DAY, SO THEY REMAINED UNSCATHED
THE SCAR ON HER NECK!
THIS GIRL IS GLADYS?
THIS IS A PHOTO OF THE ONLY SURVIVOR
AT THE CRIME SCENE, THERE WAS A BLACK PLUM PUDDING DISH...

THE BLACK PLUM PUDDING INCIDENT ?
THE FIRST WITNESS WAS A MAID SIGOID AIR SHE WAS IS
SHE CURRENTLY LIVES IN LONDON BY HERSELF
HMM?
THERE IS A PILL BOX BEHIND HER WITH A SYMBOL ON THE TOP
HE ALWAYS WANTED ME TO WATCH THESE CHILDREN AND PROTECT THEM FROM THE CLUB
FAITH AND WHILE HE SEEMED TO ALWAYS PLEASE MANY
I STILL REMEMBER IT SO CLEARLY
MASTER FEATHERSTONE, WAS A TERRIBLE MAN

THEN——
FROM THAT TIME ON, I ALWAYS HEARD "WHEN GOOD KING ARTHUR RULED HIS LAND" BEING SUNG FROM WITHIN THE ROOM.
AAAAAA!
THEN, THAT GIRL CAME...
I HAD HEARD SCREAMS SO I ENTERED IT
MASTER
EVEN THOUGH I WAS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THAT ROOM.
I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO SAW THAT GIRL EATING THE PEOPLE SHE HAD KILLED...
AFTER THAT INCIDENT, THE GIRL WAS PROBABLY SENT TO AN ORPHANAGE

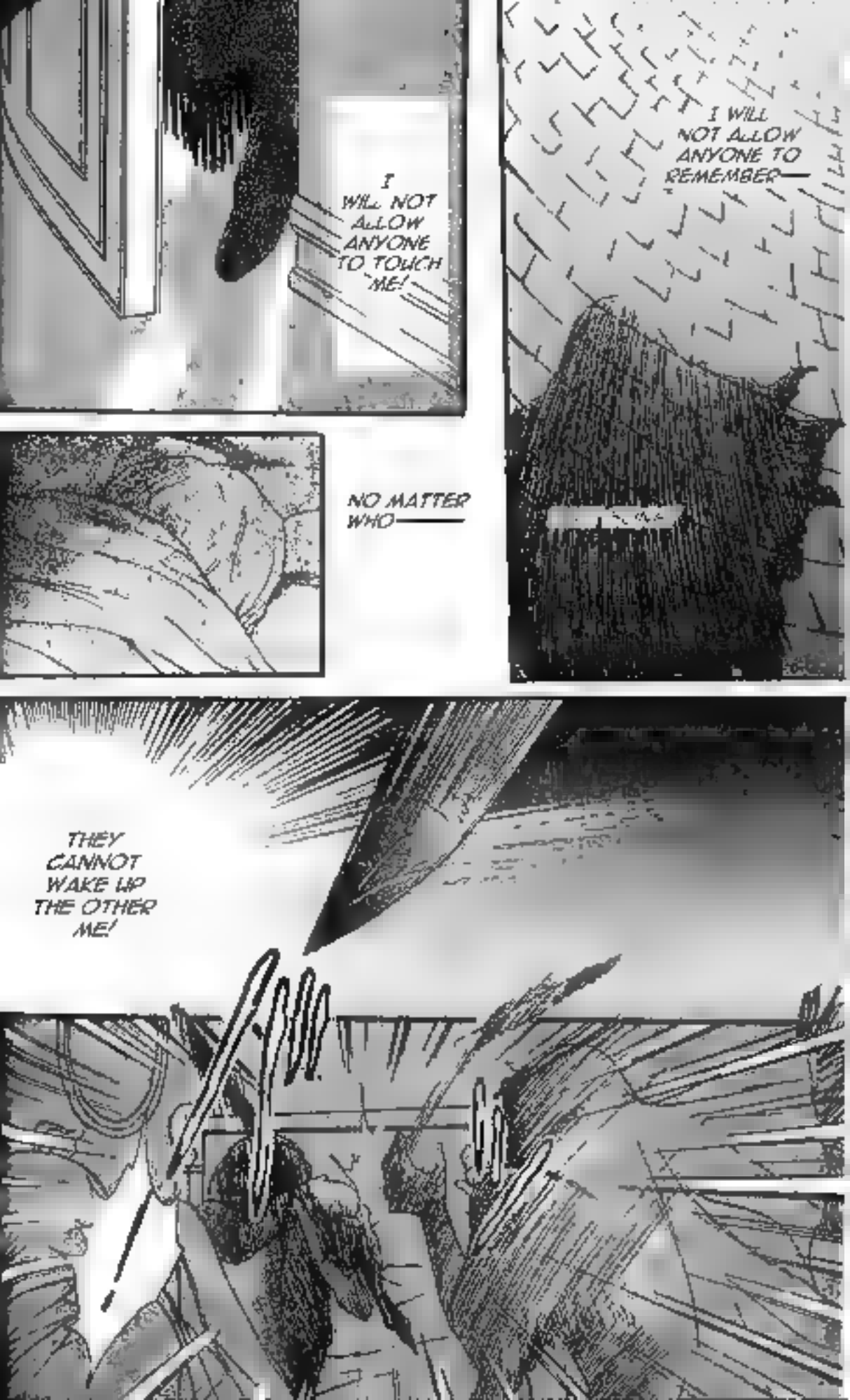
THEREFORE, AS A RESULT OF THE PRESSURE, THE INCIDENT WAS COVERED UP
ALL OF THE MEMBERS WERE IMPORTANT GENTLEMEN AND THEY WERE AFRAID OF A SCANDAL...
THAT INCIDENT AT THE CLUB WAS A SECRET!
THEN..
I ..... DO NOT HAVE ANY MEMORIES FROM BEFORE I WAS 10 YEARS OLD ...
THE NUNS SAID THAT IT WAS FROM THE SHOCK OF MY PARENTS DYING IN A CAR ACCIDENT .....
ORPHANAGES HAVE RULES THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DISCLOSE THE DETAILS OF YOUR PRIOR LIVING LOCATION
IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR..
THE GIRL FROM THE BLACK PLUM PUDDING INCIDENT
IS ME?

HERE IS SIGRID AIR'S ADDRESS
SHE SAID THAT SHE ONLY HAS TO SEE YOU, AND SHE WILL KNOW IF YOU ARE THAT GIRL OR NOT!
IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH,
PLEASE GO WITH RADCLIFF TOMORROW TO THIS PLACE
THIS IS YOUR CHOICE.
OF COURSE, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GO——
GOOD-BYE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO!
THANK YOU..
GLADYS, YOUR HOT MILK..

IT'S ALL RIGHT! I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON I AM!
GLADYS!
IF THERE TRULY EXISTS A PART OF ME WHICH I DON'T KNOW ABOUT
THANK YOU..
BUT I WANT TO GO...
I DON'T BELIEVE,
THAT THERE IS A SIDE TO YOU WHICH I STILL DON'T KNOW ABOUT!
RADCLIFF..
I DON'T WANT TO ESCAPE FROM REALITY!
AFTER TODAY THERE WON'T BE ANYMORE WORRIES.
I ALSO DON'T WANT TO HIDE FROM YOU!
YES..
OF COURSE!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS...
WILL YOU ALWAYS BE BY MY SIDE?

AH!
OH! THE BACK DOOR WAS LEFT OPEN AFTER I FED THE CAT
CREAK
ALL RIGHT!
I WILL GO AND CLOSE IT
SPLOOSH
I CAN'T SLEEP
THAT SWEET - SMELL-ING NIGHT MARE SONG..
TONIGHT.. I HOPE NOT TO HEAR THE PUDDING SONG AGAIN
I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT THIS ..
HE MADE IT ESPECIALLY FOR ME..

WHEN GOOD KING ARTHUR RULED HIS FAIR LAND——
HE STOLE THREE PECKS OF BARLEY MEAL TO MAKE A BAG-PUDDING——
AS HE WAS A GOODLY KING!
A BAG-PUDDING THE KING DID MAKE
AND STUFF'D IT WELL WITH PLUMS,
AND IN IT PUT GREAT LUMPS OF FAT, AS BIG AS MY TWO THUMBS
THE KING AND QUEEN DID EAT THEREOF——


I WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO TOUCH ME!
I WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO REMEMBER—
NO MATTER WHO—
THEY CANNOT WAKE UP THE OTHER ME!

IS IT CAIN?
!
IT IS NOT SIGRID ?
CLANK.
TAK
THAT IS RIGHT !
THOUGH I DID NOT BELIEVE IT, I STILL WANT TO CONFIRM IT ..
SIGRID IS SLEEP-ING IN THE OTHER ROOM!
DON'T TURN ON THE LIGHTS!
IT REALLY IS YOU!

RADCLIFF
YOU..
YOU KNOW ?
SO VERY LIVELY! SO YOU ARE NOT SLEEP WALKING TODAY?
YES! THAT IS BECAUSE THE GIRL I SAW IN THE PHOTO HAD A STRANGE SCAR..
THIS IS THE SHAPE!
I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE POISON THAT BEARS THE GRYPHON SYMBOL IN THIS PHOTO.
ALLOW ME TO SPEAK ABOUT MY SPECIALTY "POISON"
BEFORE, I SAW THAT YOUR ENTIRE BODY WAS COVERED WITH SCARS.

LIKE MORPHINE, IT IS VERY ADDICTIVE. AFTER SWALLOWING IT JUST ONCE, IF YOU DO NOT CONTINUE TO TAKE IT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LIVE.
THE FEATHER-STONE CLAN'S "SERAPHIM" POISON.
IT DESTROYS THE CENTRAL SYSTEM OF THE BRAIN, AND CAUSES PEOPLE TO ACT WITH ANIMAL INSTINCTS.
AND..
IF IT IS TAKEN FOR A LONG TIME THEY WOULD NOT LIVE LONG
GAVE CHILDREN THE DRUG SO THAT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO ESCAPE
IN THE UNDER-GROUND AREA OF THE CLUB FEATHER-STONE—
PLEASE LOOK CARE-FULLY
BUT YOU KNOW A LOT! COUNT
!
HA.. HA!
MY BODY HAS MANY OTHER SUCH MARKS
THIS ... IS NOT A SCAR...
IT IS A BRAND! LIKE ON A HORSE OR A SHEEP

ONE DAY ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB, THOUGHT OF AN EVEN BETTER GAME TO PLAY
THOSE GENTLEMEN TOOK BOYS AND PUT THEM IN DRESSES LIKE BEAUTIFUL DOLLS THEN ...
TORTURED THEM, PLAYED THEIR GAME ON THEM! HAHAHA..... HAHAHA!
THEN FROM TODAY ON, DO NOT GIVE HIM ANY FOR A WEEK!
THIS CHILD LIKES BLACK PLUM PUDDING AND IS ALWAYS SINGING "WHEN KING ARTHUR RULED HIS LAND"! LET US GIVE HIM DRUGGED PUDDING TO EAT..
SIRS, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS EXPERIMENT?
TOO BAD!
I WANT TO!
DO YOU WISH TO EAT THIS PUDDING?
TO THE POINT OF PAIN!
DURING THE WITHDRAWL PERIOD, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BREATH!

SHALL WE ALL FINISH IT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
AH HOW DEL CIOUS
ARE YOU JEALOUS?
HE WAS A GOODLY KING!
WHEN GOOD KING ARTHUR RULED HIS LAND——
THIS IS AN EXPERIMENT
HOW ARE YOU?
YOUR PUDDING IS IN EVERY ONE'S STOMACH
HA HA HA HA
GRRRR

LIKE A DREAM, I WAS PROMOTED TO THE UPPER CLASS IN THE MERRIL FAMILY,
AND LIVED AN ORDINARY LIFE
SHORTLY AFTER-WARDS——
I WAS SENT TO AN ORPHANAGE. WHERE I MET GLADYS ...
SHE HAD THE SAME FEELINGS FOR ME AS I HAD FOR HER!
WHEN I MET UP WITH GLADYS AGAIN,
IF THAT UNLUCKY PAST HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT ...
BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN.
AH?
SORRY!
YAH!
YOUR GLASSES FELL ...
GASP
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I WAS COMPLETE!

HUH?
YOU ARE...
IT WAS A FORMER "CUSTOMER", MEREDITH!
I USED WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST AS A REASON TO SEE HIM 2 OR 3 TIMES.
SO THAT GLADYS WOULD NOT FIND OUT, I PLACED SLEEPING PILLS IN HER MILK!
HE DID NOT KNOW THAT I WAS THE MURDERER IN THAT INCIDENT.
YOU DO NOT LONG FOR THE PAST?
I AM NOT LIKE HOW I WAS BEFORE
PLEASE DON'T BOTHER ME ANYMORE!
I TOLD HIM ABOUT YOU HE WILL PROBABLY COME AND CONTACT YOU
DO YOU REMEMBER? A MEMBER OF THAT CLUB, LUD HAS ALSO RETURNED FROM INDIA.
SHUT UP!
LOOK YOU LOOK GREAT IN LONG HAIR
WEAR THIS WHITE DRESS AGAIN..
THIS.

LOOK TODAY I PREPARED FOR YOU YOUR FAVORITE PUDDING
YES IT SUITS YOU SO BEAUTIFUL.
AH.. THAT OLD MARK
BADAM BADAM BADAM
WHEN GOOD KING ARTHUR RULED HIS LAND—
HE WAS A GOODLY KING
HE STOLE THREE PECKS OF BARELY MEAL
THIS IS THE BRAND I GAVE YOU
THE NEXT DAY I ALSO KILLED LUD
AHHHHHHA
I WAS AFRAID OF GLADYS FINDING OUT SO EVERY NIGHT I GAVE HER DRUGS
THAT MAN AWOKE MY NIGHTMARE AND CALLED FORTH THE OTHER ME
THEN THERE WAS THE ONE AT THE PARTY, WHO CARRIED THE SMELL OF MADNESS

GLADYS!
W..WHY?
YOU DID NOT DRINK THE MILK?
NOW THAT THE ANIMAL INSTINCTS WITHIN ME HAVE AWAKENED.
IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS SECRET FROM GLADYS I WILL KILL ANYONE!
SHAKE
RAD
RADCLIFF
GASP

EVERY NIGHT THE WORKER WHO HUNTS FOR GOD
THE ONE STANDING HERE
THE ONE WHO KILLED SO MANY MEN
THE PRODUCT OF A CORRUPT ARISTOCRATIC SOCIETY
I DON'T KNOW—
GLADYS
DON'T GO!
I ...
AH.
GLADYS..
DON'T!
SFX
SLA

THE KNIFE IS GONE!
FOR THESE I WORKED HARD ...
THAT WAS THE ONLY THING ON MY MIND!
THE TWO THINGS I DID NOT WANT YOU TO SEE WERE MY PAST LIFE AND MY CURRENT ACTIONS!
NOW ....
AH.....
FROM THE BEGINNING, I DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO LOVE .. HOW STUPID
NOW, WHAT HAVE I WASTED IT ALL FOR .....
HAHA.
I WANT TO DIE!

Yes, the editor is a lazy bum. So sue me, I'm almost at the end of the chapter
SFX AEEEEEEIIIII
RADCLIFF..!
SFX. SLASH

WON'T YOU LISTEN TO MY APOLOGIES ?
N.. NO!
NO. ... RADCLIFF!
I DON'T WANT YOU THIS WAY ... YOU'RE TOO CRUEL!
THIS ISN'T TRUE?
RADCLIFF!

FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE I WILL NOT LOVE ANOTHER PERSON
I WILL ALWAYS THINK OF HIM——
THIS WILL BE MY PUNISH-MENT THE PUNISH-MENT FOR REJECTING HIM THAT ONE TIME..
CAIN!
TOO CRED
TOO CRED

COULD THERE NOT HAVE BEEN ANOTHER WAY?
BUT IF I HAD NOT INTERFERED, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE VICTIMS!
MASTER CAIN.
BECAUSE, I WILL NEVER ACCEPT ANOTHER PERSON'S LOVE
I WILL NEVER HAVE THAT KIND OF HAPPI-NESS AGAIN
I WILL LIVE MY LIFE ALONE!
GOODBYE, SLADYS
THIS IS ENOUGH...

AS A RESULT OF HIS DEATH, RADCLIFF KEPT THE WOMAN HE LOVED THE MOST, FOREVER
GLADYS WILL NEVER BETRAY HIM AGAIN.
MASTER CAIN!
NO ONE WANTS TO SEE THE ONES THEY LOVE DIE . . .
I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THIS WOUND!
HOWEVER, WHAT CAN BE CERTAIN IS THAT
THE TRAGEDY OF MISS PUDDING FIN

TWISTED FAIRY TALE

Sister gathered together all my bones
Wrapped them in a cloth to see
And buried them under the pine tree...
Mother, she killed me
Father, he ate me!
THE PINE TREE.
RIFF, HAVE YOU HEARD?
THE "LEGEND OF THE PINE TREE" TALKES ABOUT THIS TREE!
THE DEAD WILL COME BACK TO LIFE. JUST LIKE THE LEGEND
IF, ON THE NIGHT OF A FULL MOON, THE BONES OF A DEAD PERSON ARE BURIED HERE,

TWISTED

FAIRYTALE

YES!
I HAVE ALREADY SENT SOMEONE OUT TO FIND HIM.
IS CAIN EVEN GOING TO SHOW UP?
THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT FAMILY MEETING TODAY!
THIS IS A MEETING WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY. IT IS A MEETING TO DECIDE WHO SHALL BE CAIN'S GUARDIAN
MY UNCLE COUNT HARKREAVES PASSED AWAY LEAVING BEHIND A 13 YEAR OLD COUNT-TO-BE, CAIN
YES BECAUSE
RATTLE
RATTLE
BUT I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS
THAT CAIN WILL NOT APPEAR

CAIN?
MASTER CAIN! THE WOUND AND MUD ON YOUR BODY...
RIFF, WHERE...
WHERE AM I?

OH...
OH...!
SERENA WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YESTERDAY NIGHT I THINK THAT SOMEONE HIT ME...
I DON'T REMEMBER
THE MEETING WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL LATER ...
OH! YES..
I AM SORRY, MASTER ANGUS ...
YOU LOOK PALE...
GO REST OVER THERE!

WE KILLED CAIN YEST-ERDAY ...!!
MASTER ANGUS!
WHO IS IT?
WHEN SERENA AND I WERE SNEAKING AWAY WITH ANTIQUES THAT WE STOLE FROM THE HARGREAVES TREASURY ..
SOME-ONE SAW US.
IT IS CAIN
NO, HOW COULD THIS BE?
CHUCK
BASTARD! TRYING TO RUN?

CAIN?
DAMN IT IF ANYONE ELSE FINDS OUT ABOUT THIS ..I WILL BE FINISHED
ESPE-CIALLY IF THE COUNT-TO-BE FINDS OUT
THAT IS BECAUSE THOSE WHO ARE ALLOWED TO SERVE MASTER CAIN ARE ONLY A SELECT FEW ALONG WITH MR RIFF
YOU DID NOT RECOG-N ZE YOUR OWN MASTER?
HE IS MASTER CAIN..

UNG ...!
DID HE SEE?
WHO IS IT ..?
MASTER ANGUS?
SERENA, I HAVE THOUGHT OF AN EXCELLENT PLAN!
ONCE THIS SUCC-ESSOR TO THE NOBLE TITLE DISA-PPEARS,
ONCE HE DIES, MY FATHER WILL BE ABLE TO BECOME COUNT EVERYTHING WILL BELONG TO ME!
SERENA, GRAB HIS LEGS!
THIS.. THIS..
HURRY!
ALL ALL RIGHT!

I LOVE YOU, SERENA
THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, SERENA FROM NOW ON, THE TWO OF US WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE TOGETHER
WE BURIED THE COLD CORPSE OF MASTER CAIN UNDERNEATH THE PINE TREE.
MASTER ANGUS.
MASTER ANGUS IF YOU BURY IT UNDER THE PINE TREE, IT WILL...
COME BACK TO LIFE? NON-SENSE!
THERE IS A GUEST HERE TO SEE YOU.
WHY..
CAIN SHOULD BE DEAD ALREADY!
MASTER ANGUS!

THAT IS HIS FIANCE, MARIANNE!
!
MASTER ANGUS. YOU DROPPED SOME-THING!
I UND-ERST-AND!
CLINK
LIER !
FIANCE ...?
MASTER ANGUS WOULD NEVER LIE TO ME!
LIAR!
THEY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED FOR FIVE YEARS
MA... MASTER CAIN!

BE-CAUSE?
WHY ARE YOU PRETEN-DING TO BE MASTER CAIN?
"BECAUSE WE ALREADY KILLED CAIN"?
BE-CAUSE
WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY COME TO SEE ME? YOU GAVE ME A FRIGHT FOR A SECOND THERE.
MASTER ANGUS' VOICE!
AEEEIII
MASTER ANGUS! MASTER ANGUS!
NO..

"I HAVE BECOME THE SUCCESSOR OF THE HARGRAVES FAMILY ! AM ALREADY AN IMPORTANT MAN, AND I CAN FINALLY MARRY YOU."
"MY DEAR, PLEASE HURRY AND JOIN ME AT MY SIDE!"
HAHA! DID YOU NOT WRITE A LETTER TO ME, ASKING ME TO HURRY OVER AND SEE YOU?
THIS IS A CHILD'S WRITING.
DID CAIN WRITE THIS?
MASTER ANGUS !
AN-
GUS?
AN.

EVERYTHING WAS SUPPOSED TO GO THE WAY THAT IT WAS PLANNED..
I BETRAYED MY MASTER,
I RISKED EVERYTHING,
FOR YOU, I EVEN HELPED BURY MASTER CAIN'S BODY..
SO THAT IS WHY YOU WANTED THE TITLE SO MUCH...
SO
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? TREATING ME THAT WAY!
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING
GET OUT! I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
AS LONG AS I AM WITH YOU, I AM NOT AFRAID OF GOING TO HELL..
IT WAS ALL FOR YOU----!!

AH...
YOU TWO LOOK VERY MUCH ALIKE.
THE BOY WHO YOU MET IN TOWN TWO DAYS AGO.
AT NIGHT, IT IS HARD TO SEE WHO THE REAL CAIN IS.
BURY HIM... IN THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HILL.
IN ADDITION, MASTER ANGUS NEVER VISITED YOU VERY OFTEN.

HE WAS MY FIRST FRIEND... SO---
I HAD TO USE MY OWN POWER TO TAKE REVENSE.
YESTERDAY, WE EXCHANGED CLOTHES AND AGREED TO MEET UNDER THE "PINE TREE"...
WIPE
IT WAS MEANT TO ME, BUT HE DIED INSTEAD.
BUT, WHERE DID SERENA RUN OFF TO?
I ALREADY HAD HER TRAPPED.
HMPH! SHE COULD NOT ESCAPE.

SERE-
NA!
THE POLICE WANT TO INTERO-GATE YOU ABOUT YOUR INVOLVE-MENT IN MASTER ANGUS' MURDER CASE!
WHERE ARE YOU?
SERENA!
WHERE ARE YOU?

and then there were none